

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE  
OF  
PAKISTAN**

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## PREFACE

It is a rare occasion when an Institution or Association completes ten decades of its existence and decides to formally celebrate its centenary. The District Grand Master of Pakistan, in his address to the Brethren at the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Lahore on 18th March, 1967, mentioned that in two years time the District would be celebrating its centenary and that the Brethren should not let that auspicious occasion pass by without a suitable festival. The D.G.M. further intimated that the District would in due course make the necessary arrangements for the festival, but suggested that at that stage the District should start on the work of issuing a small booklet outlining the history of the District over the last one hundred years. The D.G.M. intimated that he would be grateful if those willing to help in that venture would contact him.

It was not long before the District Board of General Purposes at its Meeting held on 23rd October, 1967, decided that a Committee consisting of Wor. Bros. Masud Hassan, Abdur Rashid and Kabir Ahmed Sheikh should discuss the question of writing the history of the District, with me. Since I had begun research in the matter, the Brethren gave me a long rope and, at my request, allowed the matter to remain entirely in my hands. The burden, therefore, was now mine; to continue with the research and finish the project. The rummaging through of records and "what have you" to collect necessary information for this compilation thence proceeded at an accelerated pace. The task was exacting, but made light at various stages by the discovery of useful and enlightening information, which it was always a pleasure to come by.

The project begun by me in May, 1967, had to be perforce completed by July, 1968, to enable the book to go to the printers and be ready for private distribution among the Brethren. Fourteen months is too short a period to produce a comprehensive work perfectly set and edited. It is likely that I have failed to unearth important information or some interesting facts. This is a somewhat haphazard collection of material picked up from here and there, and set in some form of a monologue in chronological order. There was hardly any time to weave the facts into a narrative, subject-wise or under different heads or sub-heads. I would therefore tender my apology to my reader and would request him to excuse this somewhat heterogeneous collection of data and facts and the defects and lacuna that may be discovered in this somewhat hasty compilation.

Before I proceed further, it is necessary to inform my reader of the various sources of my information regarding each article.

The brief "History of the District" has been compiled from information available and collected from:—



- (i) The Minutes of the proceedings of the various Meetings of the District Grand Lodge held at different places from March, 1869, upto the present;
- (ii) The District Grand Lodge files dealing with the transfer of Lodges (the post partition period);
- (iii) Information supplied by some of the various individual Lodges still in existence;
- (iv) Information supplied by Wor. Bro. R. Hewitt, Librarian and Curator, and Wor. Bro. W. S. Houghton, from the Grand Lodge Library;
- (v) The old By-Laws of some of the Lodges in the custody of the District Grand Lodge Library at Lahore;
- (vi) Information supplied by Wor. Bros. Capt. Kabir A. Sheikh (D.G.S.) and Ahmad Ali (D.G.Ty.) from the District Grand Lodge Library and Office at Lahore; and
- (vii) The books, whose names have been given in the bibliography.

The historical narrative is a chronological collection of events, culled mainly from District Meetings, and so prepared as to retain the flavour of the old language and expression in which they stand recorded. This somewhat novel form of representation has been adopted, as it would otherwise have become impossible to weave in the events with the innumerable dates of the Minutes of the Meetings in which they are recorded. The reader will find the narrative somewhat "heavy", but this is a bold departure from the conventional form of representation and I hope the reader will excuse me for this deviation.

The picture gallery "Rulers in the Order," is the result of copies being taken of the various portraits of the District Grand Masters hanging in the Library in the District Grand Lodge building at Lahore. Unfortunately, the portrait of Rt. Wor. Bro. Genl. Sir O'Moore Creagh not being available in the Library, a copy was secured from the Imperial War Museum, London, and I am grateful to the Photographic Librarian of that Museum for the co-operation shown by him in letting me have a copy at a very early date. Rt. Wor. Bro. Creagh's photograph is being printed here through the permission of the Imperial War Museum. The brief life history of the District Grand Masters has been prepared from information derived and collected from two primary sources, namely, the Grand Lodge Library and the India Office Records Library, London. Some supplementing was done by me in a minor way from the Punjab Civil Lists, but the major credit goes to these two Libraries for supplying the bulk of the data and material. I am specially grateful to Wor. Bro. A.R. Hewitt, Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge Library, London, and Mr. A.J. Farrington of the India Office Records, London, for their great assistance in this respect.

The article on "The Building and the Library" has been mainly compiled from information and data collected from the Minutes of the proceedings of the various Meetings of the District Grand Lodge held between 1869 to 1968. An article



in the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror (1859 Vol.) also provided some useful information regarding the laying of the foundation stone of the early building, which has been included.

"The Roll of Honour" has been prepared from information derived and collected from the Minutes of the proceedings of the various Meetings of the District Grand Lodge held between 1869 and 1968.

The article on "The District Charities" has been compiled from the books and records relative to the different charities available in the office of the District Grand Lodge, Lahore. I am specially indebted to Wor. Bro. Mazhar Mufty, for supplying me his article on the history of the Punjab Masonic Institutions, as this gave me great help. Some of the old District Year Books contributed useful information too.

I would like to place on record my grateful appreciation and debt of gratitude to the many persons and organizations that have assisted me in various ways.

In the first instance, I place on record the name of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer, M.D., District Grand Master of Pakistan, as the person to whom the paramount credit goes, for bringing out this book. It is entirely due to Rt. Wor. Bro. Selzer's personal interest that so much has been achieved in so short a time. The D.G.M. took personal interest in every little matter attending the details of the book, the printing, etc., and but for this assistance and his very valuable advice and direction at every stage, this project would not have materialised.

For my vast reservoir of information and knowledge, first and foremost, I must mention the name of Wor. Bro. A.R. Hewitt, Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge Library, London, who assisted me in a very major way in ferreting out and supplying information with regard to a large number of Lodges (both existing and now defunct) and answering innumerable queries of mine on diverse topics and under different heads. In fact so large were the number of queries emanating from my end, that gruelling research by Wor. Bro. Hewitt and a number of other members of his staff, often to the exclusion of other urgent task, almost interrupted the normal working of the Grand Lodge Library. After some time, further assistance had to be looked for to relieve Wor. Bro. Hewitt and his colleagues from undue pressure of work. The District Grand Secretary, Pakistan, was approached and he found the right person to assist me. Wor. Bro. W. S. Houghton was placed on the job to take over at the Grand Lodge end and rummage through the Library for answers to the various balance questions pending and new ones emanating from me. Wor. Bro. W. S. Houghton performed his job also with great assiduity and skill and I am thankful to him for the efforts of his great labour and time taken in assisting me to my full satisfaction.

Secondly, I am indebted to Wor. Bro. Capt. Kabir Ahmad Sheikh, D.G.S., Bro. Ahmad Ali, D.G.Ty. and Office Superintendent, and Mohd Siddique, Peon, who all assisted me in various ways. Without their co-operation nothing would have been achieved.



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Rustam S. Sidhwa



## FOREWORD

Wor. Bro. Rustam Sohrabji Sidhwa is to be congratulated and has well earned the gratitude of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan for his work in compiling the book. It has been a long and arduous task and only his love for, and interest in, Masonic history could sustain such energy and assiduity over such a long time. It must be remembered that records have been scanty and poorly kept in the past and that much of such records connected with the many early years has been destroyed and neglected—the balance having been taken care of by the ever-present termites. The history of the District of the Punjab (now called District of Pakistan) is intimately connected with the history of English Masonry in general within this sub-continent and many a historian will find new and suitable material regarding movements and changes of men and groups within this part of the world.

This book will be of special significance and importance when the history of Masonry in Pakistan will be written after a further 100 years, but even now Brethren will find much of interest and relevance in the material collected by Brother Sidhwa.

I am sure most of the readers will agree with me if I express my pleasant surprise at the efficiency and thoroughness of Brother Sidhwa as a historiographer. He has had similar experience before and *THE LAHORE HIGH COURT AND ITS PRINCIPAL BAR*, which Brother Sidhwa published in 1967 and which records the history of that High Court extending over a hundred years, has won acclaim and brought Brother Sidhwa great respect in legal circles. With this book he has laboured long and hard and with love and I am grateful. The presence of a limited index, at the end of the book, will be appreciated.

Although none of us will be present, I extend my greetings and felicitations to those historians who will make use of the material herein collected for further Masonic research after a hundred or more years in the history of Masonry in general and Masonry in Pakistan in particular.

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Pakistan.



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# HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT



## ABOUT OURSELVES

Masonry is both a way of life and a fraternal association. To the extent to which it demands and propagates an unqualified belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and teaches a person the duties he owes to his Creator and to all mankind and binds him with his fellowmen in brotherly love, it is a way of life and a philosophy. To the extent that it brings different persons together, ignoring all political, social or religious differences, to meet on a common platform and get together and work for the social uplift of humanity, it fulfills its purpose as a fraternal association.

Unlike Freemasonry in France, Italy, Turkey and some other countries, where the Brethren and the Order have at some stages become identified directly or indirectly with politics and religion, the Brethren and the Fraternity in Pakistan can look up with pride at their unblemished record in avoiding such associations. The District Board of General Purposes, which constitutes the governing body of the District Grand Lodge, has scrupulously maintained a clear-cut policy that always has spoken and still speaks clearly and unequivocally, namely, that no Brother shall discuss or bring politics or religion under discussion in Freemasonry in any form whatsoever.

Masonry in the Punjab and, since partition, in Pakistan, has therefore never been associated with political and religious movements or parties. Its votaries have never used the association as a spring-board for such activities. The District Grand Lodge of the Punjab (now Pakistan) during its hundred years of existence, has not once found itself cornered or pushed into any political or religious malaise, at the instance of any member. Last, but not least, the Brethren constituting the Fraternity have themselves kept their politics and religion to themselves and have refrained from bringing such topics or discussions into the association. Freemasonry in Pakistan has never had, nor maintains any form of direct or indirect contact or communication with the State of Israel or with Zionism; nor has it ever been financed by that State or any other foreign political body, group or club. The Fraternity's only financial resources for its activities in Pakistan are its membership and other fees which it receives from its members in Pakistan. No outside financial help is ever sought, expected or received.

The good deeds of many thousands of true and zealous Brethren, who have passed through the portals of Masonry in this District are something which will perhaps never be available to or assessable by the public. As a 'closed' fraternal association, Masonic activities are not circulated or advertised in any way. Masons have alleviated suffering, waged war against selfishness and intolerance, taught and practised Charity and Brotherly Love, in their own quiet way, without seeking any publicity or worldly reward. It is sometimes



suggested that Masonry is or constitutes a part of some secret society. This notion is wrong. Masonry is not a secret society, but Masonry possesses certain secrets which it retains only for its members. They are sacred and are keys to a mystical treasure. They cannot be communicated indiscriminately, or else they would lose their value. They are only therefore communicated to worthy men, that is to say, reserved for Masons alone.

A question that arises is, what is it that Masonry has taught the Punjabi, the Sindhi, or the East Pakistani, over these ten decades that the Institution has flourished in this country. What is it that Masonry stands for? What are its precepts?

Masonry teaches many things. A Mason is first taught the unbounded duty he owes to his Creator and to his fellow men. Setting aside political, social, and religious affiliations, he is taught to recognize the bonds of Brotherly Love that bind him with his fellow creatures, how to live and act in peace and happiness in this life and how to become better prepared for that existence beyond the veil of shadows—for that higher and better life. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are the bed-rock on which the edifice of the Order stands and a Mason is taught to practice and put into effect these virtues in his daily life.

Masonry is not blind to the duties that a Brother owes to his State and Country. It calls upon each Brother to obey the laws of his country, not to be involved in any plots against the State and never to indulge in or countenance activities which may subvert the peace and good order in society. The solemn obligation which a new entrant takes on his Holy Book, at his initiation, inter alia enjoins upon him to be loyal and faithful to his country, to obey its laws and not to subvert the peace and good order in society. Freemasons in Pakistan have followed these injunctions to the letter and have propagated the Brotherhood of Man.

In tracing the history of the Freemasonic movement in the territory of the undivided Punjab upto the period of partition of India, and thereafter in the territories now constituting Pakistan, one is struck by the proud record of the Institution extending over more than a century. The story of this progress and growth is both fascinating and instructive, not only to the student of Masonic research but to all Brethren having affiliation with these territories or any of the Lodges that once worked or still are working therein.



## FRONTIER OUTPOSTS OF THE BENGAL DISTRICT

Before giving the history of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, which was constituted in 1869, it is necessary to refer in brief to the development of Masonry prior to 1869 in the territories which previously constituted the undivided Province of the Punjab.

Freemasonry in the Punjab has, in many respects, followed the drum beats of the British Army. A few Regiments of the British Army possessed their own Ambulatory or Travelling Lodges, established under Warrants which permitted them to travel and remain attached with their respective regiments. The 1st East Surrey Regiment (The 31st Foot), The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), The Second Battalion East Surrey Regiment (The 70th Foot), The Leicestershire (The 17th Foot), The Lancashire Fusiliers (The 20th Foot), and The Northamptonshire Regiment (The 48th Foot), were some of many having Regimental Lodges. Some of these Regiments saw duty in India. Wor. Bro. G. Reeves-Brown in his Article "The Five Old Lodges" (appearing in the Masonic Year Book and Calendar of the Punjab District 1936-37), states that the 31st Foot which formed the European part of the Infantry Escort of Lord Bentick, accompanied that Governor General to Rupa on the River Sutlej in October 1831, when Lord Bentick visited Rupa to meet Maharaja Ranjit Singh. It is quite probable that the Regimental Lodge accompanied the 31st Foot but there is nothing to show with certainty that a Lodge Meeting was held at Rupa, for, if one was, then truly it would be the first Regular Meeting of a Freemasons' Lodge in the Punjab. Further, it should not be forgotten that Karnal was taken by the British in April, 1805, when the English Troops captured the fort there. By the Treaty of Lahore dated 20th April, 1809, Karnal became a British possession. As a frontier station, it immediately became an important military cantonment and one cannot entirely overlook the possibility that certain Regiments stationed there, having Lodges attached with them, may have worked them. That there were many Brethren serving in these Regiments is a certainty and the fact that they must have met "On the Square"—if not in a Meeting—and otherwise kept their Masonic interest alive, is a certain reality. However, if we look for evidence of any actual regular Lodge Meeting, in the absence of any confirmatory circumstance, the proof of such a Meeting in the territory of the Punjab must be postponed to some period after 1835. Again, Wor. Bro. Reeves-Brown, in his Article "The Five Old Lodges" thinks that the earliest Freemason proved to be a resident of the Punjab, according to available records, was General Jean Baptiste Ventura, the famous French General of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Army and the founder father of the Khalsa Infantry. Ventura came to the Punjab a little before 1822, the year he joined Maharaja Ranjit Singh's service. He was raised sometime later in old Lodge "Hope" No. 413, Meerut (which Lodge was constituted in 1833). The Bombay Times in its issue of January 23rd, 1839, gives an interesting account of the Banquet



held at Bombay in January, 1839, in his honour by the members of Lodge "Perseverance". The account reads as follows:—

"On Saturday evening the Lodge "Perseverance" with the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master Dr. Burnes in the Chair, gave an elegant and sumptuous entertainment to the chivalrous General Ventura which was attended by upwards of 50 of the Mason Brethren resident in Bombay. The greatest hilarity prevailed during the evening, and the distinguished stranger, to honour whom so many had congregated at the festive board, expressed himself highly gratified with the brotherly feelings of kindness evinced towards him."

It may be that General Ventura's name as the earliest Freemason stands proved from available records, but that should not mean he was in reality the earliest Freemason in the Punjab. That privilege perhaps should go to some "unknown soldier" whose presence the records even do not prove.

Turning once again to the question as to which was the first Lodge constituted in the Punjab, the pride of place goes to THE LIGHT OF THE NORTH LODGE (old No. 648) which was constituted in Karnal, near Delhi, in 1836. This Lodge started working under a Dispensation granted in 1836. The first Master was Bro. J. L. Tottenham and the founder members were J. L. Tottenham, C. Bickerton, G. Binks, W. J. Thompson, J. Deig, G. Belford and J. Pain. An account of the Meeting of this very first Lodge constituted in the Punjab on St. John's Day in 1836, is illuminating and may be reproduced thus:—

"On Tuesday, the 27th of December, being St. John's Day, the Brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons meeting at Kurnal, under the designation of Lodge "Light of the North", accompanied by the greater number of the Brethren of the station not members of the Lodge, walked in procession this day to Divine Service.

The appearance of the Mystic Craft was most imposing and grand, they were arrayed in Jewels, Sashes and Aprons, and marched from a tent erected near the Racket Court to the Church Bungalow, a good long distance. . . . . in the evening upwards of thirty of the Brethren sat down to a very handsome repast, and partook of the good cheer provided by the Lodge. After many loyal and appropriate toasts, and some excellent songs, the Brethren separated at half past ten o'clock, with that love and harmony which should ever characterize Freemasons.

The excellent band of the gallant 13th delighted the Brethren with their efforts.

On returning from Church, the Order of the procession was reversed. We were highly gratified by the appearance of this "Social Band" and the order and regularity observed reflected the greatest credit on this infant Lodge. Numbers of spectators accompanied the Fraternity to and from Church."



The Warrant of this Lodge is dated 23rd June, 1837. Wor. Bro. G. Reeves Brown in his Article "The Five Old Lodges" thinks that this Lodge was probably founded by Masons of the First East Surrey Regiment (The 31st Foot) which for five years prior to 1838 was garrisoned at Karnal. Since the whole of the Garrison at Karnal was transferred to Afghanistan in 1839, where it suffered in that unfortunate campaign, this Lodge lost the patronage of the Brethren in the Army and of the 31st Foot, in particular. The Freemasons' Quarterly Review for the year 1841 states:

"In June 1839, owing to the march of the army of the Indus, only three members could be mustered. On the return from Cabool, however, they rallied to seventeen; and now, probably the returns will exhibit an increase in number."

On 21st December, 1841, Bro. Thomas Street was installed as Master and the Lodge began to recover from the affects of the previous military movements. However, after 1839 Karnal gradually lost its military importance and this Lodge ceased working when the military station at Karnal was closed in or before 1844 and all the cantonments shifted to Ambala. Till then, with the exception of a small outpost at Ludhiana, Karnal had been the chief military frontier station. The Freemasons' Quarterly Review for the year 1843 states:

"The abolition of this station has actually destroyed that excellent Lodge, "Light of the North" which, under the auspices of Bro. Tottenham and others, was in a flourishing condition. It is hoped that the Warrant will be transferred to the new station, and thus the "Sacred Fire" may be preserved."

In 1852 this Lodge was finally erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge of England.

After this first Lodge, we have a series of others. In 1838, THE HIMALAYAN BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 459 (old No. 673) was constituted at Simla and Bro. R.B. McDonald was installed as its first Master. The founder members were Wor. Bro. J.J.L. Hoff and Bros. R.B. McDonald, W. S. Blackburn, D. O'B. Clarke, J. W. Caplain, J. Lemon and J. S. Chisholm. Wor. Bro. J.J.L. Hoff, Prov. Dep. Grand Master, N.W. Provinces, later to become Prov. Grand Secretary, Bengal, assisted in constituting the Lodge. An old copy of the By-Laws shows that this Lodge was opened on 19th May, 1838, by 7 Brethren pursuant to a Dispensation granted by Lodge "Light of the North" (old No. 648) at Karnal. An account of this first meeting as printed in the By-Laws is interesting. The Lodge was opened in the First Degree by Bro. R. B. McDonald, by virtue of his previous election as Master of the Lodge; Brothers Jacob J. L. Hoff, W. S. Blackburn, D.O'B. Clarke, J.W. Caplain, J. Lemon and J. S. Chisholm were the other members present. After the Dispensation was laid before the Lodge, the Worshipful Master then appointed Bro. Blackburn as his Senior Warden, Bro. Clarke as his Junior Warden and Bro. Chisholm as his Secretary and invested them with the Insignia of their respective offices. Bro. Caplain was then duly elected Treasurer and invested with the Insignia of his office. The Application of one Charles John French, for initiation was then read, proposed and seconded and ordered to be held over for the prescribed period. At half past 9 p. m. the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. This Lodge was granted its Warrant by the Grand Lodge on 26th March,



1839. Unlike many hill-station Lodges, "The Himalayan Brotherhood Lodge" continued to progress vigorously and till the Punjab District was formed in 1869, had been in abeyance four times only during the periods October 1839 to August 1841, November 1841 to June 1843, August 1847 to August 1849 and November 1856 to March 1858.

"The Lodge of Charity" No. 563 (old No. 823) with Wor. Bro. R. Griffiths as its first Master was constituted at the military station of Ambala on 10th January, 1849, and "The Khyber Lodge" No. 582 (old No. 852) with Wor. Bro. C. Hogge as its first Master at Peshawar in 1850. The Warrants of these two Lodges are dated 25th April, 1849, and 7th September, 1850, respectively.

A brief historical sketch of THE LODGE OF CHARITY No. 563 is to be found in an old copy of its By-Laws. According to this account, seven Brethren, namely, Brothers J. W. Boissier, D. R. Hodgkinson, Wm. Charde, J. Cahill, S. H. Clarke, Foy and Harraden assembled at Bro. Griffith's house on 11th July, 1848, at Ambala and decided to petition for a Dispensation to form a Lodge in Ambala, to be named "The Lodge of Charity". The petition was recommended by Lodge "Hope", Meerut. Wor. Bro. Griffiths (a Past Master of Lodge "Light of the North"—old No. 684—at Karnal) was elected Worshipful Master. He very kindly offered to loan Masonic furniture and jewels for the temporary use of the new Lodge. A Dispensation was granted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Neave, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, on 13th September, 1848, pending the approval of the Rt. Wor. Prov. G.M. Bengal, empowering Wor. Bro. Robert Griffiths to be Wor. Master, Bro. W. Charde to be the Senior Warden and Bro. D. R. Hodgkinson to be the Junior Warden. The first Regular Meeting was held at Bro. Griffith's house on 11th January, 1849, at 8-10 a. m. At that Meeting Bro. Griffiths first appointed the other officers and then announced that his health prevented him from discharging the duties of Master, whereupon Bro. George Jeffery (an old P. M.) was unanimously elected and installed as Master. This Meeting was followed by others at the houses of different Brethren. On 7th September, 1849, the Warrant from the Grand Lodge (dated 25th April, 1849) was received and read in open Lodge. The founder members, whose names appear on the Warrant, were Brothers Robert Griffiths, William Charde, Daniel Hodgkinson, George Jeffery, Samuel Henry Clarke, John Johnson, James Cahill and Robert McKay. This Lodge was one of the very few that progressed vigorously without any major interruption. Save for a short period between May to December, 1857, during the political disturbances, this Lodge worked satisfactorily right upto the formation of the Punjab District in 1869. In 1869, Early Mayo, Viceroy of India, visited Ambala and the Brethren of "The Lodge of Charity" presented him with an address as Patron of All Freemasonry in India.

THE KHYBER LODGE No. 582 (Warranted on 7th September, 1850) with Wor. Bro. C. Hogge as its first Master was constituted in Peshawar some time in 1850. Unfortunately, the date of its first Regular and/or Consecration Meeting is not traceable. The 11 founder members of this Lodge were Charles Hogge, Charles Douglas Newmarch, Charles Mills, James Cahill, William Gardiner Morris, Henry William Tibbett, George Wills, William Coates, John Brocke, William Alexander Daly and David Reid. The estab-



lishment of "Khyber" marked the foundation of a Masonic Lodge in what was then regarded as the "northernmost far flung outpost"; the next nearest Lodge in the south being "Charity" No. 563 at Ambala some 500 miles away. Like "Charity" No. 563, Lodge "Khyber" continued to progress vigorously till the Punjab District was formed in 1869. By the middle of the 19th century it dominated the social scene in Peshawar and its Masonic Building on The Mall gradually came to be used as a place of Divine Worship, Public Library, Public Meeting Place, Hospital, etc. Some very outstanding civil and military public figures were initiated in this Lodge, including Lt. F.S. Roberts (in 1853), who later became Field Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C.

THE JULLUNDUR LODGE No. 623 was opened in Jullundur in 1853 with Wor. Bro. Capt. Erule Kyrle Money (of the Bengal Horse Artillery) as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were E. K. Money, R.A.B. Johnstone, G.M. Hill, A.M.E. Boileau, J. Wallace, W. Pattison, R. Atkinson, J. P. Renny and W. Greene. This Lodge received its Warrant on 30th September, 1853, and worked for some years when it collapsed owing to military movements and its Warrant was recalled for non-submission of Returns for 1860 and 1861 to the District. In January, 1862, it was asked to show cause why it should not be erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Bengal having failed in his efforts to get any communication from its Master, was constrained to specially report the case to Rt. Wor. Bro. Maj-Gen. Alexander Boileau, Prov. Grand Master of Bengal, who ordered the recall of the Warrant. Some time later, in early 1863, an application to the Prov. Grand Master of Bengal was made by Bro. Captain H. J. Wahab for the return of the Warrant to revive the Lodge, but the same was not possible. The Lodge was erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge of England on 30th January, 1864.

On St. John's Day, 27th December, 1855, a few Brethren met in Ferozepur and signed a petition for a Warrant. The petitioning Brethren were M. Thompson, J. C. Hopper, G. A. McNair, G. Forest, E. A. Bobicar, J. C. Stone, A. Fox, A. Duggan and J. Gallagher. In 1856, the name "Light of the North" was revived and granted, under a Warrant dated 6th May, 1856, to the Brethren at Ferozepur, and THE LIGHT OF THE NORTH LODGE No. 676 (old No. 974) was started. On receipt of the Dispensation from the Dep. Prov. G. M. Bengal, the first Meeting was held in February, 1856, and Wor. Bro. M. Thompson of H.M's 70th Regiment, was installed as the first Master by Rt. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. James Ramsay, the Provincial Grand Master of Bengal, who was luckily in the station. The Jewels belonging to old Lodge "Sincere Friendship" No. 381, Chunar, which had been lying dormant for some years, were made available to this Lodge. This Lodge continued in existence in Ferozepur for a very short period. After the departure of H.M's 70th Regiment from Ferozepur in 1857, the Lodge lost the guidance of Wor. Bro. M. Thompson. Bro. J. C. Hopper took over as the new Master in 1857, but the Great Mutiny a few months later totally destroyed the prospects of this Lodge. This Lodge was finally erased on 30th January, 1864, from the Grand Lodge Register.



In 1856, two other Lodges received their Warrants, namely, "Ramsay" No. 675 (old No. 973) in Rawalpindi and "Triune Brotherhood" No. 684 (old No. 984) in Subathu (near Kasauli).

THE RAMSAY LODGE No. 675 (old No. 973), the first Lodge to start in Rawalpindi, took its name from the then Provincial Grand Master of Bengal, Rt. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. James Ramsay, who also opened the Lodge. He not only paid for the Warrant but presented the Lodge with a set of Silver Jewels and a Volume of the Sacred Law. An account of the preliminary and the first Regular Meeting of this Lodge can be found in the July and October issues of *The Freemasons' Friend and Masonic Mirror* for the year 1856. The preliminary Meeting was held at Rawalpindi on 28th December, 1855, for the purposes of taking steps for the establishment of the Lodge. The Brethren who were present were members of Lodges "Industry and Perseverance" and "St. John's Lodge" of Calcutta, Lodge "Albany" of the Cape of Good Hope, Lodge "Charity" of Ambala, Lodge "Harmony" of Cawnpore and of Lodges in Allahabad and Darjeeling. The first Master (Wor. Bro. Maj. E. Knollys) was elected, the first Wardens were then nominated, and the petition was finally approved and signed by the Brethren present. The founder members of this Lodge were E. Knollys, J. St. J. Hovenden, W. W. Davidson, H. F. Caley, C. Campbell, T. T. N. O'Brien, E. Pelley and A. D. Deniss. The first Meeting was held on 8th January, 1856, soon after the arrival of the Prov. Grand Master in town. The Prov. Grand Master presided at this first Meeting and installed Wor. Bro. E. Knollys as the first Master and thereafter proclaimed the new Lodge, and "empowered the Brethren to work provisionally, and so discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, until the receipt of a formal Dispensation from the Rt. Wor. Dep. Prov. Grand Master of the North West Provinces". Soon after this first Meeting, Wor. Bro. Maj. E. Knollys had to proceed to England for the recovery of his health and the Lodge was placed in the charge of Wor. Bro. F. H. Smith, a young and zealous Mason. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted on 6th May, 1856. In 1857 Bro. Deniss succeeded Maj. Knollys as Master. This Lodge worked at two stations. During the summer months the Lodge went up to Murree where it was even able to purchase a house. After a short period it went into abeyance. At a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on 11th June, 1860, it was announced that steps were being taken to revive the Lodge, but to no avail. This Lodge was erased on 30th January, 1864, from the Grand Lodge Register.

THE TRIUNE BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 684 (old No. 984) was Warranted on 23rd September, 1856. The Brethren in Subathu petitioned for a Warrant for a new Lodge in May, 1856, pursuant to a decision taken by them that month in their preliminary Meeting. The petitioning Brethren were T. Wood, K.J.W. Coghill, A. Elderton, C. T. Macdonnell, C. Monk, G. Carter, A.K. Lake, J. Guthrie, W. Hay, H.J. Tapp, C. Harding and J. Campbell. At the Half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on 24th June, 1856, the Provincial Grand Secretary announced that an application for the constitution of a Lodge at Subathu had been received and was under consideration. Pursuant to a Dispensation received, the first Meeting was held on 13th August, 1856, and at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at



Calcutta on 27th December, 1856, the Provincial Grand Master of Bengal announced that the Lodge had been established. The first Master of this Lodge was Bro. Thomas Wood, a school-master. An extract from the Indian Freemason's Friend (as reproduced in the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror in its issue of August 27, 1864) gives an interesting account of some important events in the life of this Lodge. According to this account, the members of this Lodge obtained a loan of Rs. 2000 from the Simla Bank for the purpose of purchasing a building for themselves. The Lodge shortly afterwards fell into abeyance and was revived at Kussowlee (where its Warrant was transferred in 1862). At Kussowlee the Brethren purchased another building for themselves, but without contracting any debt. Here also the Lodge fell into abeyance. At the Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on 29th October, 1862, Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" was referred to as being in abeyance. At the Quarterly Communication on 21st March, 1863, the Prov. Grand Master of Bengal stated:

"An application has been received signed by ten registered Masons, to remove the Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" (No. 984) from Kussowlee to Dugshaie as the only possible means of saving the warrant from extinction. As the application is reasonable, and no dissentient voice has been raised, it has been complied with and I trust that the resuscitated Lodge may long continue to enjoy a prosperous career."

The application to revive the Lodge at Dugshaie was actually initiated by the Brethren of the 42nd (Black Watch) Highlanders. This Lodge worked for some time at Dugshaie and went into abeyance and was finally erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge in 1886. It was not working when the District was formed in 1869.

The year 1857 saw THE STAR OF DELHI LODGE No. 878 (old No. 1180) being formed at Delhi under a Dispensation granted by the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. The names of the founder members as appearing in the Warrant are only available. They are J. Tickell, F. H. Cooper, A. P. Tomkyns, T. C. Fenwick, W. H. Marshall, J. V. Hunt and T. H. Keyes. 'The Star of Delhi Lodge' was opened on 30th March, 1857, just before the political disturbances, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Lieut. G. Forrest, V. Wor. Bro. Revd. T. C. Smyth and Wor. Bro. Buckley of Lodge "Harmony" Cawnpore. Its first Master was Capt. C. W. Russel of the 54th N. I. Regiment. This Lodge became extinct soon as it was extinguished by the disturbed conditions prevalent in the country within a few months of its birth.

An extract from the Indian Freemason's Friend as reproduced in the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror (27th August, 1884) states that this Lodge "was revived after the disturbances . . . . .; but after languishing for a time fell into abeyance". The Lodge was in abeyance even when its Warrant dated 21st September, 1861, was received in Calcutta towards the end of that year. The names of the founder members as given earlier represent the new set of Brethren who tried to revive the Lodge in 1861. No Returns were ever filed by this Lodge. Having remained in abeyance much too long, the Warrant was returned to Grand Lodge by the Prov. G. M. Bengal and the Lodge was erased on 30th January, 1864.



An account of the state of Masonry in the Punjab just after the political disturbances (sometimes referred to as the Mutiny) is available from a letter dated 28th October, 1857, written by a Brother stationed in Ferozepur to the Indian Freemason's Friend (as reproduced in the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror dated 3rd February, 1858). This letter states:

"I trust you and the Brethren have been pursuing the even tenor of your way, and labouring in the good cause with the same zeal and industry as ever. I fear Masonry is at a stand still at Simla and the Upper Provinces generally. There is a Lodge here; but I do not know of a single Mason being present. H.M's 61st are at Delhi, the 45th and 57th N.I. disbanded, the 10th Cavalry mutinied, and most of the officers are scattered over the face of India from Mooltan and Googaira to Delhi and Meerut."

THE LODGE OF HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE No. 782 ( 1d No. 1^84) came into existence at Lahore in December, 1858, with Wor. Bro. H.D. Sandeman as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by Lodge "Jullundur." An extract from one of the December issues of the Lahore Chronicle (defunct since long) as reproduced in the February issue of the Freemasons' Friend and Masonic Mirror for the year 1859 states:

"Lahore—A meeting of Free and Accepted Masons was held on Wednesday, December 8, to consider the advisability of opening a Lodge in the Punjab, and the result has been an application to the Provincial Grand Master for a Warrant. The new Lodge will indulge in the euphonious title of Hope and Perseverance, Bro. H.D. Sandeman being nominated W.M., and Bros Ball and Egerton, Senior and Junior Wardens for the year."

At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on the 27th December, 1858, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master announced "that sanction had been given to constitute a new Lodge (to be named "Hope and Perseverance") at Lahore" and that it owed its birth to "Wor. Bro. H.D. Sandeman P.M. of Lodges Nos. 550 and 760." The earliest Minute Book of "The Lodge of Hope and Perseverance" shows that the first Meeting was held on 27th December, 1858, (St. John's Day) in pursuance of summons and in anticipation of Provincial Warrant by the permission of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. This first Meeting was held at the residence of Bro. Welby and began at sunrise. The Lodge was called off from labour from 9-30 a.m. to 5 p.m. whereafter it continued its deliberations till sunset. The first nine Brethren recorded as present at the start of the Meeting were Wor. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman and Bros. William Edward Ball, Robert Eyles Egerton, Oswald Welby, Tamerlane Hords Goose, Edward Huet Shuldham, William Henry McGowan, John Patrick Renny and Harry Herbert. These same nine Brethren were the founder members. This Lodge set about to entrench itself firmly and in September, 1859, proceeded to construct its Temple and from February, 1860, to hold its Meetings in its own premises.

In 1863, Bro. Captain H.J. Wahab started THE WAHAB OR BENEVOLENT LODGE No. 988. This was the immediate successor to the old Lodge "Jullundur"



No. 623 (old No. 906) which unluckily could not be revived, notwithstanding Bro. Capt. Wahab's best efforts made in that direction early in 1863. At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on 21st March, 1863, the Prov. Grand Master of Bengal announced that an application had been received from certain Brethren residing at Jullundur to re-open Lodge "Jullundur" (old No. 906) at that station but that he had declined the request, because the Lodge, having been erased by order of the Grand Lodge of England, could only be restored by the same authority. He further stated that he had recommended to the petitioners to apply for a fresh warrant and had allowed them to work under a Dispensation pending its receipt. The Prov. Grand Master also intimated that the property of the old "Jullundur" Lodge was vulnerable to sale for the benefit of the Fund of Benovolence to satisfy the dues of the District Grand Lodge, but seeing that the Brethren at Jullundur were in earnest to work a Lodge, he recommended that they should be permitted to retain the property, after, of course, satisfying the dues of the District Grand Lodge, which were standing to the debit of the late Master. Accordingly, the Jullundur Brethren applied for a new Warrant and authority was given in April, 1863, to the Master Elect to open the new Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent." The first Meeting of the Lodge was held on 16th April, 1863. "The Lodge was opened in each of the three degrees, the W. M. Capt. H.J. Wahab adding a few words to the usual prayers, invoking the blessing of the Great Archetect of the Universe on the Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" then opened." The announcement of the establishment of this new Lodge, working under a Dispensation, was made by the Offg. Prov. Grand Master in Calcutta at the Quarterly Communication of the District on 24th June, 1863. The Lodge was granted its Warrant by the Grand Lodge of England on 23rd October, 1863. This Lodge was granted the property of the old "Jullundur" Lodge. The founder members of "Wahab or Benevolent" were Henry John Wahab, G.W. Bishop, G.A. Fisher, S.B. Taddy, C. Harris, J. Strachan and H. Koebel.

In 1864 Delhi again saw the emergence of a new Lodge, namely, THE PHOENIX LODGE No. 1053 (Warranted 7th February, 1865). The founder members of this Lodge were T.C. Fenwick, W.H. Marshall, E.H. Shuldhham, J.A. Collins, C.H. Billings, T.H. Goose, J. Evans, A.M. Tippetts, W.F. Mitchell and J.C. Hopper. Sponsored by Lodge "Hope" No. 413 at Meerut, this Lodge was constituted on 20th June, 1864, and Wor. Bro. Thomas Cavendish Fenwick was installed as its first Master. This Lodge held two Meetings each month. Wor. Bro. Fenwick reigned for a period of 3½ years, having been re-elected three times in succession. In 1868 a new Master was elected and in 1869 Wor. Bro. G.F.E. Tavenor took over as Master. But Lodge "Phoenix," like its predecessor in that station, was not to last long. The Grand Lodge records show that it did not file any Returns after 1868, went into abeyance after its last Meeting on 15th March, 1869, and had to return its Warrant in 1873, being finally erased by the Grand Lodge on 27th March, 1873.

THE LIGHT OF THE NORTH LODGE No. 1308 again appeared phoenix-style in Ferozepur in 1867. At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held at Calcutta on 24th June, 1867, the D.D.G.M. Bengal announced that certain



Brethren were taking steps at Ferozepur to re-open the Lodge, which measure had met the approval of the D.G.M. Sponsored by Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, this Lodge was constituted on 16th October, 1867, with Wor. Bro. A. Nicols as its first Master. The founder members were Adolphus Nicols, G.W. Glasse, A.M. Tippetts, G.H. Coates, E.F. De Rossetti, E. Hoare, W. O'Brien, J. Auchland, J. Wilson, T.S. Baring, B. Rogers, T.S. Tait, F.J. Ellis and F. Flint. It started working under a Local Dispensation issued by the D.G.M. of Bengal and continued in that manner till 1870 when it was Warranted (25th March, 1870). It was not working when the District was formed in 1869.

THE RAVEE LODGE No. 1215 was constituted in Lahore on 20th January, 1868, with Wor. Bro. Walter Adlard as its first Master. The earliest Minute Book of this Lodge, which is in the possession of the District Grand Lodge, shows that this Lodge was constituted pursuant to a letter received from the District Grand Secretary, Bengal, conveying the sanction of the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master permitting the petitioners to meet as a Lodge. Wor. Bro. A. Nicols opened the Lodge and installed Wor. Bro. Walter Adlard as the first Master of Lodge "Ravee." Thereafter Bro. Shuldham, Master Elect of Lodge "Phoenix," was also installed as Master of that Delhi Lodge. Lodge "Ravee" received its Warrant on 27th February, 1868. The Application of this Lodge, which was sponsored by Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, was signed by W. Adlard, C.H.T. Marshall, W.H. Wilson, C.Mc. Mercer, A. Stewart, G. Best, W. Tanner, M. Ramsay, R. Chapman, A.B. Chittenden, W.M. Thomson, W.F. Folliot, J.W. Garlick, J.H. Gaitskill, M.L. Elliot, A.M. Tippetts, A. Nicols, W.F. Mitchell and J.C. Hopper.

Thus by the end of 1868, 14 Lodges had been formed in the Punjab of which only seven, duly warranted, and one, working under a Local Dispensation, were in existence.

At this stage, a few important facts may be mentioned. In 1863 all Craft Lodges working under the Grand Lodge in England were re-numbered and the re-numbering took effect in July that year. This accounts for the Lodges constituted prior to and existing upto July, 1863, having two numbers, an old and a new one. Further, in the same year the designation "Provincial Grand Master," applicable to the head of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, was changed to "District Grand Master." Lastly, towards the middle of 1868, M.W. the Grand Master separated British Burma from the Bengal District and British Burma became a separate Masonic District. The Bengal District was thus left with territories covered by the four local Governments of the Punjab, North-West Provinces, Oudh and Bengal.



## THE FORMATIVE YEARS

### THE BIRTH OF A DISTRICT

Prior to the establishment of the Punjab District in 1869, the state of the few Craft Lodges in the territorial limits of the then Punjab and its Dependencies, under the District Grand Lodge in Calcutta, deserves mention. The distances of these Craft Lodges, operating in the Punjab, from Calcutta was very great and this produced considerable delay in conducting ordinary Masonic business and in getting replies to references. When a Lodge was established at Cawnpore, about six hundred miles from Calcutta, that town was regarded as a frontier station. Later, when a Craft Lodge was established at Peshawar, nearly three times the distance from Calcutta, the limits of the frontier appeared to extend indefinitely. With such distances, the District Head of the Craft was unable to personally supervise or officially visit some of the outlying Lodges. Further, hardly any Mason in the Punjab ever received any office in the District Grand Lodge because the District Grand Master of Bengal, wishing to have his officers near him for his Quarterly Communication, distributed his offices only to Brethren who were connected with Craft Lodges nearer Calcutta.

The want of a local Head was therefore felt by the Masonic fraternity in the Punjab, and in 1868 the Brethren of various Lodges operating in the Punjab petitioned M.W. the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, in England, for the formation of a District Grand Lodge for the Punjab and for the appointment of Major Charles McWhirter Mercer of the Bengal Staff Corps as the District Grand Master. The M.W. the Grand Master acceded to this petition and approved the establishment of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and confirmed the choice of the Brethren by appointing Major C. McWhirter Mercer as the first District Grand Master. The Grand Lodge fixed the territorial boundaries of this new District the same as that of the Administrative Province.

### McWHIRTER INSTALLED

Accordingly on 12th March, 1869, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was established at an Emergent Meeting of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 held in the Masonic Hall of that Lodge, on Lodge Road, Lahore. Major Charles McWhirter Mercer was duly installed as the first District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly, Master of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, conducted the ceremony of Installation.

The Warranted Lodges represented at the Installation through their respective Brethren were:

Lodge "Charity" No. 563, Ambala,  
Lodge "Khyber" No. 582, Peshawar,  
Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore,



Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988, Jullundur,  
Lodge "Phoenix" No. 1057, Delhi,  
Lodge "Ravee" No. 1215, Lahore.

Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, of Simla, was the only warranted Lodge in the District which was not represented. The first returns showed the total number of subscribing members as 217. The Lodges taken on the Roll of the new District were "Himalayan Brotherhood", "Charity," "Khyber," "Hope and Perseverance," "Wahab or Benevolent," "Phoenix" and "Ravee."

The first Officers of the District Grand Lodge appointed by the Right Wor. the District Grand Master were as follows:—

Wor. Bro. A. Stewart, D.D.G.M.  
Wor. Bro. G. Elliot, D.S.G.W.  
Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly, D.J.G.W.  
Wor. Bro. R.E.K. Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.  
Bro. G.R. Dallimore, D.G. Tres.  
Wor. Bro. W.H. Wilson, D.G. Sec.  
Wor. Bro. J.R.A.S. Lowe, D.S.G.D.  
Wor. Bro. W. Adlard, D.J.G.D.  
Wor. Bro. G.F. Tavenor, D.G. Supdt. of Works.  
Bro. J.H. Tyler, D.G.D. of C.  
Wor. Bro. W. Bayley, D.G. Asst. D. of C.  
Wor. Bro. T. Briggs, D.G. Swd. Br.  
Bro. W. Mitchell, D.G. Purs.  
Bro. W. Galbraith, D.G. Stwd.  
Bro. M.H. Hayes, D.G. Stwd.  
Bro. W. McG. Thomson, D.G. Stwd.  
Bro. H. Cunningham, D.G. Tyler.

The Board of General Purposes was also formed consisting of:

Wor. Bro. A. Stewart, D.D.G.M. President.  
Wor. Bro. G. Elliot, Member.  
Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly, Member.  
Wor. Bro. W. Adlard, Member.  
Wor. Bro. R.E.K. Wilkinson, Member.  
Bro. J.H. Tyler, Member.  
Bro. G.R. Dallimore, D.G. Tres., Ex-Officio.  
Wor. Bro. W.H. Wilson, D.G. Sec., Ex-Officio.

The By-Laws were not passed and approved at that Meeting, but were referred to the Board of General Purposes for completion. Subsequently, they were read and discussed and then finally passed, with necessary amendments, at the Quarterly Meeting of the District Grand Lodge on 24th June, 1869.



EARLY  
EXPANSION

From the foundation laid on 12th March, 1869, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was destined to bring the light of Masonry into far flung areas of the District within its jurisdiction. Its progress in this direction was rapid. By June, 1869, steps were taken to form a Frontier Lodge in the Derajat, but difficulties in the way of the frontier Brethren prevented the early establishment of that Lodge.

THE MOOLTAN LODGE No. 1307 was constituted on 31st December, 1869, with Bro. G. Blake as its first Master. The D.G.M. had specially deputed Wor. Bro. A. Nicols, assisted by Wor. Bro. W.H. Wilson, District Grand Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Dobbin, to form a Board of Installed Masters to open the Lodge and place Wor. Bro. Blake in the Eastern Chair. This Lodge was granted its Warrant on 18th March, 1870. It was sponsored by "Hope and Perseverance" and its founder members were George Blake, Frederick W. Armstrong, Archibald Balderston, Adolphus Nicols, George Miller Dobbin, George Sullivan, Edmund L. Charde, Paul Newton, John Antony Kysh, John Charles Hayward, Alexander J.C. Birch, Patrick Wallace, Henry W. Spencer, Michael McAuliffe, George Stephen Beckett, George Thornhill Watson and George Pemberton.

THE INDUS LODGE No. 1279 (Warranted on 20th August, 1869) was constituted on 24th January, 1870, with Wor. Bro. Maj. G.N. Money as its first Master. The founder members were G.N. Money, T.W. Knowles, F. Metcalf, G. Goldaney, G.M. Ogilvie, A.F. Lambe, G.V. Groves and B. Nicols. Bro. Maj. Gerard Noel Money had to travel to Lahore first, a distance of 383 miles, to be installed as Master of Lodge "Indus," which ceremony was performed in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 on 6th December, 1869. He then returned and presided at the first Meeting of Lodge "Indus" at Dera Ismail Khan on 24th January, 1870. One of the founders, who resided at Dera Ghazi Khan, travelled a distance of 130 miles on horse-back to be present at the opening and to constitute the Lodge.

At the Quarterly Meeting on 10th January, 1870, the D.G.M. reported the transfer of Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988 from Jullundur to Sialkot, the establishment of Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307 at Multan and the proposed establishment of Lodge "Indus" No. 1279 at Dera Ismail Khan. Thus in the first year of its existence, the District Grand Lodge had added two new Lodges to its list; and a third, Lodge "Light of the North" No. 1308, which had been working somewhat sporadically at Ferozepur since 1867, under a Local Dispensation, and was lying dormant, was granted its Warrant and entered on the Roll of the District as a duly Warranted Lodge. At that Quarterly Meeting, the D.G.M. also reported the resignation of the Earl of Zetland from the office of M.W. the Grand Master which he had held upwards of a quarter of a century and the rumours then current that the Earl de Grey and Ripon, Deputy Grand Master, would become the next Grand Master. The D.G.M. also reported that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had joined the Craft and had been conferred the office of a Past Grand Master.

The progress of Masonry upto that Quarterly Meeting held on 11th April, 1870, was satisfactory. The D.D.G.M. reported that "Masonry (was) steadily progressing and that



there (was) promise of its continuance." He, however, observed that Lodge "Phoenix" No. 1057, at Delhi, had been in abeyance for sometime, and that Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988, at Sialkot, which had threatened to be placed in abeyance on account of the departure of the 7th Hussars, had re-commenced working. It was further reported that the new Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307, was making satisfactory progress.

A very important decision was taken at that Quarterly Meeting on 11th April, 1870, regarding the formation of the "Punjab Masonic Education Fund" which, some time later, was ultimately merged into the larger charitable endowment called "The Punjab Masonic Institution." The Brethren resolved that the matter regarding the starting of the "Punjab Masonic Education Fund" be referred to the Board of General Purposes for its consideration and report, which proposal was carried.

Reporting on the state of the Lodges within his District on 27th April, 1870, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. McWhirter Mercer, D.G.M., was happy to record a healthy progress in most of the Lodges within his District, save "Khyber" at Peshawar, which was in abeyance as there was only one member of the Lodge at Peshawar, Lodge "Phoenix" at Delhi, which was not working, and Lodge "Light of the North" at Ferozepur, which, though recently started, was unable to maintain itself at Ferozepur and had decided to apply for sanction for its transfer to Dalhousie. [An old copy of the By-Laws of Lodge "Light of the North" shows that this Lodge was "Removed to Dalhousie on 3rd May, 1871"]. The D.G.M. also reported at that Meeting that he would temporarily be leaving the Punjab, and in case there was no probability of his return, he would ascertain the wishes of the Brethren of the District and be guided accordingly as regards retention by him of his office.

In 1870, Rt. Wor. Bro. H.D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, visited Lahore. He formally visited the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab on 27th October, 1870, where he was received with the full honours, due to his high station. It may be here recalled that Rt. Wor. Bro. Sandeman had worked for many years in the Punjab and was the founder of Masonry in Lahore, where he had opened the first Lodge ("Hope and Perseverance") on St. John's Day, the 27th of December, 1858. The foundation stone of the Masonic Hall on Lodge Road (Anarkali Civil Division) at Lahore had been laid by Rt. Wor. Bro. Sandeman on the 6th of September, 1859, shortly before his departure from Lahore.

As stated earlier, Lodge "Khyber" at Peshawar, and Lodge "Phoenix" at Delhi, having fallen into abeyance, it was decided at the District Meeting on 14th January, 1871, to call back their Warrants and books. However, on 15th April, 1871, the D.D.G.M. reported that Lodge "Khyber" could be saved and that the District Grand Lodge would spare no effort to ensure it, but that there was no hope that Lodge "Phoenix" could be resuscitated as the Garrison in Delhi had been reduced and some unknown Brother had taken away the Warrant of that Lodge. [After 15th March, 1869, Lodge "Phoenix" had had no Meetings. It was therefore permanently closed and its Warrant withdrawn. This Lodge was never resuscitated and totally disappeared from the Provincial scene. It



was erased from the Grand Lodge Register in 1873]. It was further reported that Lodge "Light of the North" had been shifted from Ferozepur to Dalhousie and that efforts were being made to grant Lodge "Indus" an Itinerary Warrant to permit it to hold its Meetings at all the Cantonments of the Punjab Frontier Force. It was further reported that a new Lodge was being started at Rawalpindi. Unfortunately, H.M's 6th Regiment having been sent to Peshawar in early 1871, the new Lodge at Rawalpindi did not commence operation as early as desired.

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It is necessary to turn our attention once again to the Regular Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 14th January, 1871. At that Meeting, the report of the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes held on 7th January, 1871, was read. That report included Wor. Bro. Basevi's scheme for the starting of an Educational Fund (captioned "Punjab Masonic Institution for educating Children of Indigent Freemasons") and the recommendation of that scheme for the consideration of the District. Wor. Bro. Basevi, therefore, proposed that the report regarding the scheme should be forwarded to all Lodges, inviting their opinions and co-operation, and that the District should donate Rs. 500 as a nucleus to the Fund, which proposition was duly seconded by Wor. Bro. Wilkinson, and carried unanimously. The Punjab Masonic Institution was thus launched.

On 23rd October, 1871, the D.D.G.M. reported that Dispensation had been granted for the formation of a new Lodge to be called "JUMNA" No. 1394, at Delhi. He also reported that "Khyber" at Peshawar was again at work and making satisfactory progress.

By January, 1872, the new Lodge at Rawalpindi proposed to be named "Ramsay", after an earlier Lodge with that name that existed in the same station between the period 1856-64, was in a fair way to be started. As regards the new Lodge "Jumna" to be established at Delhi, nothing had been done by the Brethren at Delhi to really get that Lodge going.

By January, 1872, the Rules and Regulations of the Punjab Masonic Institution (the Educational Fund for Children of Indigent Freemasons) had been framed and required only a General Meeting to have them approved and to nominate Trustees. Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 had made over to this new Institution the fund known as "Hope and Perseverance Educational Fund" and there were no less than 14 Lodges and Masonic Bodies, in addition to some 30 or more Brethren, who promised support.

Between January and April, 1872, the Brethren of the newly proposed Lodge at Rawalpindi decided to change the tentative name of their Lodge from "Ramsay" to "Mayo" in honour of the memory of Lord Mayo, fourth Viceroy of India and an eminent Freemason in the Irish Constitution. (The Lodge Banner embodies Lord Mayo's Coat of Arms.) According to an old printed copy of its By-Laws, THE MAYO LODGE No. 1413, was constituted at Rawalpindi on 6th April, 1872, and Wor. Bro. C.M. Smyth was installed as its first Master. There were 24 founder members of this Lodge, consisting of



20 Brethren in the Army, 2 Merchants, 1 Surgeon and 1 Forester. The founder members were Charles Masterman Smyth, Thomas Cooke, Arthur Power Palmer, George Blake, George Gott Nelson, Charles Clarke Richardson, Percival Butler, R. Lloyd, J.C. Hay, W.H. Spence, W.S. Forbes, J.R. Collins, R.H.M. Ellis, F.F. Roupell, W.M. McMurdo, J.M. Campbell, A.A. Kinloch, H.G. Webb, H. Howell, A. Williams, J.G. Cockburn, G.F. Green, W. Tanner and T. Lane. This Lodge was granted its Warrant on 27th July, 1872.

By the first quarter of 1872, THE JUMNA LODGE No. 1394 (Warranted on 15th March, 1872) at Delhi was also constituted with Wor. Bro. C.E. Beresford as its first Master. The D.D.G.M. reported at the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Lahore on 12th April, 1872, that he had heard privately that this Lodge was working and doing well and that he was daily expecting communication from Bro. Beresford, who had been elected its Wor. Master. This Lodge was sponsored by Lodge "Light of the North" No. 1308. The founder members of "Jumna" were C.E. Beresford, J. Chalmers, J.J. Crawley, C. Stephen, B. Kirwan, J. Taylor, H. Linderer, J. Fleming, J.C. Shaw and A. Horsburgh.

By April, 1872, therefore, there were 11 Lodges on the Roll of the District. Later in that year, the Masonic Hall of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" was transferred to the District and became its official headquarters.

The year 1873 saw a spate of new Lodges being opened in the Punjab and a remarkably efficient progress of Masonry in the District. No less than six new Lodges were opened that year, namely, "Morning Star" No. 1439, "Sutlej" No. 1442, "Industry" No. 1485, "Light in the Himalayas" No. 1448, "Northern Star" No. 1463 and "St. John the Evangelist" No. 1483. A few words about each of these Lodges will not be out of place here.

THE LODGE MORNING STAR No. 1439, (Warranted on 3rd May, 1873), was opened in Dera Ghazi Khan with Wor. Bro. Maj. Gerard Noel Money, (a Senior Warden of the District in 1872-1873) as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were G.N. Money, C.M. Hall, C.C. Egerton, J.J. Boswell, G.E. Gladstone, A.A. Turner, W.H. Ford, J.E. Saville, J. Goldney and W.C. Chowne. According to Lane's Masonic Records (Second Edition, London, 1895) the first Meeting of this Lodge was held on 27th January, 1873. Wor. Bro. G. Reeves Brown in his Article "The Lost Lodges of the Punjab" (as appearing in the Punjab District Masonic Year Book and Calendar for 1940-41) has printed an extract from a letter written on 8th December, 1873, by Wor. Bro. Major Gerard Noel Money from Dera Ismail Khan to the Punjab District which states:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,

When I was going on leave last hot weather I was requested by R. W. the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab to visit Lodge 'Indus' No. 1279 at this station, 'Morning Star' No. 1439, at Dera Ghazi Khan, 'Mooltan' No. 1307, at Multan, and 'Sutlej' No. 1442 at Adamwahan; also to constitute,



consecrate and dedicate two of the above Lodges, 'Morning Star' and 'Sutlej.' The following notes of my Tour may interest some of your readers.

In July I proceeded by country boat to Dera Ghazi Khan and constituted Lodge 'Morning Star' which was opened at the commencement of the year, being the first of five new Lodges started this year in the Punjab District. . . . .

From Multan I went to Bahawalpur whence I visited Lodge 'Sutlej' at Adamwahan, which is on the opposite bank of the river and the headquarters of the staff employed on the Sutlej Bridge, Indus Valley State Railway. On the day fixed for the meeting seven of us started from Bahawalpur to attend, but had not gone far when the rain came down in torrents, and we had to take refuge in the Nawab's Palace. A little after sunset it partially cleared up, and we started again, four of us riding, and three in a carriage. We knew that the river had risen considerably and overflowed its banks, and had heard that about fifty yards of the road (raised some nine or ten feet) were under water, and a third horse was provided to pull the carriage through. On arriving at the commencement of the raised road, however, we found the whole had submerged, and the water flowing over it. The third horse was attached, and an attempt made to take the carriage on, but he proved restive, plunged and suddenly went over the embankment—head foremost into the deep water, giving his rider an involuntary 'Header' as he went. Further attempt was pronounced dangerous, and two doolies were procured for two of the occupants of the carriage who were invalids. The third had no recourse but to tuck up his trousers and make knee-deep for a couple of miles to the river bank. By this time it was pitch dark, and we had to cross the river guided solely by the constantly recurring lightning flashes. However, we arrived safely, not much after the hour fixed for Lodge, but some time after we had been quite given up. I mention this little episode to show the Masonic spirit prevailing there, and surely while such last Lodge 'Sutlej' is sure to flourish. It has started under the auspices of a right worthy brother, W. Bro. Hyne, Founder and First Master of Lodge 1279 at Egutpoora. At a subsequent visit, the warrant having arrived, I constituted and consecrated the Lodge."

The D.G.M. reported at the Meeting of the District held on 13th January, 1873, that this Lodge had been established. Whether the D.G.M. had unassailable evidence on 13th January, 1873, that the Lodge had been established or only information that it would be established some time in January, 1873, is not available from the District Grand Lodge records. Notwithstanding whether the Lodge was established on 27th January, 1873, or on some date earlier than 13th January, 1873, one thing is clear, that it soon went into abeyance, for whilst referring to the new Lodges established in the Punjab in 1873, and to the progress being made by them, the D.G.M. did not refer to this Lodge at all in his address at the District Grand Lodge Meeting on 29th October, 1873.



THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY No. 1485 came into being in June, 1873. The earliest Minute Book of this Lodge, which is with the District Grand Lodge Library at Lahore, shows that seven Master Masons, namely, J.W. Wilkinson, W. Lawrence, R. McDonald, D. Blake, F. Runciman, J. Campbell and H. Chandler assembled at the residence of Bro. J. Wilkinson on 1st May, 1873, at 7 p.m. with a view to establishing a Lodge at Nowlakha (Lahore) for the convenience of Brethren residing in that area. As one will recall, the other Lodges were working in the area of Anarkali (Lahore). At that Meeting, the Brethren assembled, decided to petition for a Lodge to be named "The Lodge of Industry" and also to petition for an immediate Dispensation from the D.G.M to open the proposed Lodge. The petitioning Brethren for the Warrant were J. Wilkinson, W. Lawrence, R. McDonald, D. Blake, A.M. Saunders, W. Bull, H.L. Oertel and I.H. Thorn. On 19th May, 1873, Bros J. Wilkinson and R. McDonald attended a Regular Meeting of Lodge "Ravee" No. 1215 at Lahore to solicit their recommendation to the D.G.M. for the desired Dispensation, which was most cordially given in open Lodge. The first Regular Meeting of Lodge "Industry" No. 1485 was held on 2nd June, 1873, when this Lodge was constituted and Bro. J. Wilkinson installed as its first Master. The D.D.G.M. and the Wor. Master and Brethren of Lodge "Ravee" were present at that Meeting. After the Lodge was opened by the Master Elect, a short prayer was delivered by him and the proceedings of the earlier Meeting dated 1st May, 1873, the copy of the application for Dispensation and the actual Dispensation received from the District Grand Lodge were then read and confirmed. The Lodge was then passed to the 2nd Degree when the Gavel was handed over to the D.D.G.M., Punjab. The Lodge was raised to the 3rd Degree by the D.D.G.M. and the Blessings of the Most High were invoked. The Master Elect was then installed in due and ancient form. The Brethren were admitted in the 3rd Degree and asked to salute the Wor. Master. The Wor. Master then appointed and invested his officers. The Lodge was finally lowered to the 1st Degree and closed in peace and harmony at 10-15 p.m., whereafter the Brethren retired for refreshment. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge on 6th February, 1874.

LODGE LIGHT IN THE HIMALAYAS No. 1448, at Murree took birth a few days after the constitution of "Industry" No. 1485. A few words with regard to the brief history leading up to the formation of this Lodge will not be out of place. On 19th May, 1873, a Meeting of twenty-three Freemasons in Murree, was held for the purpose of founding a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to work at Murree. They were Wor. Bro. Smyth and Bros. Mackay, Cooke, Ford, Macaulay, Whymper, Russel, Kenny, Mills, Wood, Hare, Aldwell, Vvall, Griffiths, Dallas, Chalmer, Jobbling, Marshall, Tanner, Dhanjibhoy, Roch, Egerton and Stagg. The election then took place for the first officers of the Lodge. Bro. Marshall was elected as the first Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Smyth being the only Past Master amongst the founders, was elected the Senior Warden, but he later resigned this office as his services as a P.M. were considered to be more useful to the Lodge. Bro. Cooke was elected as J.W. and Bro. Russell as Secretary. The first Regular Meeting at Murree was held under a Dispensation from the District Grand Lodge, Punjab, on 16th June, 1873,



at which Bro. Marshall was installed as Wor. Master by Wor. Bro. Smyth, assisted by Wor. Bros. Boileau and Piggot. The Regalia and furnishings were lent by Lodge No. 770 (name and constitution not known) of 70th Regiment stationed at Rawalpindi, till such time as the Lodge could procure its own. Lodge "Light in the Himalayas" No. 1448, was sponsored by "Mayo" No. 1413 and received its Warrant on 31st July, 1873. The founder members of this Lodge were Charles Henry Tilsow Marshall, Charles Masterman Smyth, Thomas Cooke, Alfred Jobling, W.N. Ford, Richard Thomas Kenny, Charles Arthur Macaulay, Thomas Russell, Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore, Henry Josiah Whymper, William Henry Mackesy, Peter Mills, George Henry Wood, George Hare, William Basil Aldwell, Henry Edwin Vyall, Alfred Griffiths, Alexander Morrison Dallas, Reginald Chalmer, Henry Thomas Tanner, Sampson Roch, J.E. Stag and C.S. Egerton.

THE NORTHERN STAR LODGE No. 1463 started in Ferozepur and was constituted on 4th September, 1873, under a Dispensation granted by the D.G.M. The Lodge started functioning in a rented bungalow on 198, Church Road, Ferozepur. Sponsored by "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, this Lodge was granted its Warrant on 17th October, 1873. The first Master was Wor. Bro. Samuel Corbett. The founder members were S. Corbett, R. Lyons, E. Buxton, W.B. Ferris, R.B. Reed, W. Baker, B. Reed, C. Hely, D. Baird, C. Day, A. Todd, W. Clifford, S. Crane, H. Magee, R.H.K. Ross, J. Collison, A. Pickett, J. Egan, J.H. Smith, S. Smith, J. Burns, J. Bailey, P.deL. Johnstone, R.F. Senior, J. G'asgon, H. Farrell and J.C. Collah. An old copy of the Bible presented to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. S. Corbett contains an inscription which suggests that Wor. Bro. S. Corbett was installed as first Master on 4th August, 1873. Whether the first Meeting was held on 4th August or 4th September, 1873, is still a mystery.

THE SUTLEJ LODGE No. 1442 was constituted at Adamwahan in the latter half of 1873, with Wor. Bro. Charles Hyne as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by "Mooltan" No. 1307, and was granted its Warrant on 6th June, 1873. As one will recollect, Wor. Bro. Major G.N. Money in his letter to the District dated 8th December, 1873, quoted earlier, had referred to the fact that he had been asked by the D.D.G.M. of the Punjab to constitute and consecrate Lodge "Sutlej" in 1873 and that he visited Bahawalpur sometime after July, 1873 (after having constituted Lodge "Morning Star" at Dera Ghazi Khan) and attended a Meeting of Lodge "Sutlej" and that "at a subsequent visit, the Warrant having arrived," he had constituted Lodge "Sutlej." This letter therefore shows that the first Meeting of the Lodge was held under a Dispensation and that the Lodge was formally constituted by Wor. Bro. Major G.N. Money on his "subsequent visit" sometime in the last quarter of 1873. Lane's Masonic Record (Second Edition, London, 1895) states that this Lodge was constituted on 3rd October, 1873. However, a copy of the 1943 edition of the By-laws of this Lodge shows that this Lodge was "founded at Adamwahan, Punjab, on 6th June, 1873." Whether this date is the actual date that the Lodge started working from or, being the date of the Warrant, has been affixed wrongly next to the words "founded at Adamwahan, Punjab, on" and thus gives a misleading impression about the date that the Lodge first started working, one thing is certain that it started working during July, 1873, or immediately after and that the Lodge was constituted



and Consecrated by Wor. Bro. Major Gerard Noel Money on his "subsequent visit" to Adamwahan probably on 3rd October, 1873.

The last Lodge to be formed in 1873 was THE ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST LODGE No. 1483, at 73 N.I. Lines, Mian Mir, Lahore. The founder members of this Lodge were F.G. Stainforth, S.P. Woodfull, R. Richardson, M. Ramsay, W. Aldard, G. Brehon, A.W. Warmington, W. Rosamond, W. Bright, H. Webb, R. Lloyd, G. Davies, J. Wilkinson, J. Moore and W. Miller. According to the District Grand Lodge records, the first Meeting appears to have been held under a Provisional Warrant on 27th December, 1873, whereas Lane's Masonic Record (Second Edition, London, 1895) shows the date as 23rd December, 1873. Unfortunately, the earliest Minute Book of this Lodge is not available and the date of the first Meeting therefore cannot be accurately fixed. Wor. Bro. Col. George Francis Stainforth was its first Master and this Lodge was sponsored by "Ravee" No. 1215. This Lodge received its Warrant from the Grand Lodge on 23rd January, 1874.

"The St. John The Evangelist Lodge" started at Mian Mir, Lahore, under a Provisional Warrant, commencing work with 15 subscribing members. Unfortunately, Wor. Bro. Stainforth's installation as Master of this new Lodge raised certain questions of technicality. As the Master-Elect had not previously served in the office of Warden, the District Grand Registrar, who had been called upon to instal Bro. Stainforth, had declined the request and Bro. Stainforth was installed elsewhere. As the D.D.G.M. had himself been present at the Installation and had not raised any objection, several communications from Past Masters in the Province were received by the District Grand Registrar touching on the validity of the installation. The matter was, however, discussed and finally set at rest in the Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held on 13th January, 1874. It was reported at that Meeting that Lodge "St. John The Evangelist" was thriving, having already thrown off its leading strings, and had purchased a Hall of its own, which was being elaborately fitted up.

On 11th February, 1874, an Emergent Meeting of the District was held, where, after the usual opening, the District Grand Lodge and the Brethren appeared in public to take part in the foundation-stone laying ceremony of the All Saints Church, now the site of the (Protestant) Cathedral Church of the Resurrection between, Shahra-e-Quaid-i-Azam (previously called The Mall) and Mcleod Road.

In the middle of 1874, Lodge "Sutlej" at Adamwahan was transferred to Bahawalpur, where the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall was laid by Wor. Bro. Chester, D.J.G.W.

By 31st December, 1874, the returns showed that there were no less than 463 Masons in the District. Thus, since the territory was raised to a District, the Lodges had increased from 7 to 17 and subscribing Masons from 217 to 463.

Towards the third quarter of 1874, the Grand Master, Most Wor. The Hon'ble George Frederick Samuel, Marquess of Ripon (later Viceroy of India in 1880-1884),



resigned. His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G. (afterwards King Edward VII) accepted the office of Grand Master and at the Meeting of the Grand Lodge in England held on 3rd December, 1874, His Royal Highness allowed himself to be nominated as Grand Master for the next year, thus making it clear that he intended to retain that office in a permanent way.

Concurrent with the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Wor. The Grand Master, the vacancy in the office of the District Grand Master of the Punjab, consequent on the retirement of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. McWhirter Mercer, was filled by the appointment of Wor. Bro. Major Marmaduke Ramsay as the District Head. At this stage, a brief flash back is necessary. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. McWhirter Mercer's last appearance in the District Grand Lodge had been at the District Meeting on 27th October, 1870. During 1871 and up to October, 1872, Wor. Bro. Basevi had presided over the District Meetings as Deputy District Grand Master with full powers. Thereafter, Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay had the privilege of doing so in a similar capacity. Thus in early 1874 when Rt. Wor. Bro. C. McWhirter Mercer communicated his intention of resigning, he desired to have the opinion of senior Brethren in the District as to his successor. A circular was issued to all the reigning Masters, Past Masters and Wardens, requesting them to submit to a Committee of D.G.L. officers, their choice of one of the Brethren to be appointed as their District Head. The result of this suffrage was that the majority of the Brethren proposed the name of Wor. Bro. Major Marmaduke Ramsay of the Bengal Staff Corps.

Accordingly, at an Emergent Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Lahore on 26th February, 1875, Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay was installed as the District Grand Master of the Punjab at an impressive and well attended ceremony. The honour of installing Rt. Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay fell to the good fortune of Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly, who was specially requested to perform that ceremony. Roughly six years back it had been the privilege of Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly to instal Rt. Wor. Bro. C. McWhirter Mercer and it can fairly be said that no greater good fortune could have befallen Rt. Wor. Bro. G.H. Daly than that of installing two District Grand Masters in succession.

By April, 1875, the news of the impending visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India received the attention of the District Grand Lodge. This was the first time that any Grand Master had planned to visit India as well as the first time that Indians would behold the Heir Apparent to the Crown. It was proposed at the Quarterly Meeting of the District held on 13th April, 1875, to appoint a Committee to decide the necessary steps the Freemasons of the Punjab would take to show their devotion and attachment to the Crown Prince not only as their future King, but as their M.W. Grand Master under whose rule they served. Accordingly, a Central General Committee was formed, composed of the members of the Board of General Purposes, of present and past D.G.L. officers and the Wor. Masters of all Lodges, to make necessary arrangements. Under the General Committee, a working Sub-Committee was also formed, over which Wor. Bro. Mackesy was appointed to preside. In the summer of that year the D.G.M., whilst at Murree, spoke to H.H.



the Lieut. Governor of the Punjab and succeeded in prevailing upon him to insert in the official programme of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a visit by that Royal Prince to the District Grand Lodge at Lahore, to receive an Address of Welcome.

The Committee appointed to arrange the function and the reception proceeded with great despatch. A most illuminating and befitting Address was prepared and drafted by Wor. Bro. William Bull. A casket of Gujrat Gold in Koftgare work, in the form of the left hand pillar of King Solomon's Temple, was ordered and obtained in which to present the Address. It was further decided that the Gateways to the Hall would be ornamented with triumphal arches and suitable mottos and that the Hall itself would be suitably decorated for that grand ceremony. It was also decided by the Committee that the D.G.M. would endeavour to arrange with His Honour the Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, that the Government House Party would dine with the Freemasons in the Montgomery Hall (now a part of the Gymkhana Club in Bagh-e-Jinnah, Lahore); the ladies of the station to be invited to sit in the galleries of the Montgomery Hall where they would be fully and generously entertained.

So far as the progress in the District was concerned, the year 1875 was a happy year. The only matter that struck a despondent note was that Lodge "Morning Star" at Dera Ghazi Khan had fallen into abeyance and returned its Warrant for safe keeping. The relief of the troops at D.G. Khan had carried off all the members of the Lodge to a new station, and the in-coming Regiment having brought no addition, it was found necessary to close the Lodge.

In January, 1876, the District Grand Lodge received intimation that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be unable to receive the Address in the Freemasons' Hall, but only at Government House at the hands of a small deputation, in like manner as he had received Addresses at Madras and Calcutta. Though an attempt was made by the D.G.M. through Sir Henry Davies to induce H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to reconsider his decision and permit the whole body of Masons to be present, the attempt failed. At the Quarterly Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Lahore on 14th January, 1876, this great and grievous disappointment was communicated to the members there assembled and the D.G.M. intimated that the small deputation would, therefore, only consist of himself, the D.D.G.M., and the two Wardens. At the next Quarterly Meeting held at Lahore on 12th April, 1876, the D.D.G.M. reported that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Wor. Grand Master, had received the small Masonic deputation on his visit to Lahore and had accepted the Address and ornamented casket from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, to which he had graciously returned a Reply. The Address and Reply were read at that Meeting. It was also decided to send a copy of that Address and Reply to each Lodge in the District, together with a photo of the casket.

Turning to the progress of Masonry in general, the year 1876 marked the revival of Lodge "Morning Star" which had returned its Warrant the previous year. The said Lodge was revived at the request of Wor. Bro. Cooke and several Brethren amongst the



Tea Planters of the Karngra Valley and the Warrant was transferred to Dharamsala where the Lodge started working. The Warrant was endorsed as follows: "Lodge transferred to Palampur 4th March, 1876, to hold meetings May/October each year at Dharamsala and from November/April at Palampur, Kangra District."

In February, 1876, Rt. Wor. Bro. Major Ramsay, D.G.M., proceeded to England leaving the District in the hands of Wor. Bro. Mackesy. During his stay in England, the D.G.M. attended the Grand Lodge and had the distinguished honour of acting as Deputy Grand Master on one occasion. [The D.G.M. returned to Lahore in February, 1877].

At the Quarterly Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Lahore on 30th October, 1876, Wor. Bro. Mackesy, D.D.G.M. incharge, reported **FIRST "NATIVE" MASTER** that Masonry was continuing "to flourish in the Punjab" and that "several Lodges were working well and harmoniously." Reporting on the work of Lodge "Light in the Himalayas" at Murree, the D.D.G.M. stated:

"The Lodge is under the rule of Wor. Bro. Dhanjibhoy Camadore, a Parsi gentleman. This is I believe the first instance which has occurred in this Province of a Parsi Brother having attained the Eastern chair. I trust it will not be the last. Wor. Bro. Dhanjibhoy having proved himself to be in every way worthy of and qualified to fill the high office to which he was unanimously elected."

This was also the first instance in the Punjab District that a native of India had reached the Eastern Chair by unanimous election in a Lodge primarily composed of European members.

On 27th December, 1876, St. John's Day, an Emergent Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held at 11 a.m.; the Wor. Masters, Wardens and Brethren of five Lodges duly arrayed under their respective Banners. At 11.15 a.m. the District Grand Lodge and the Brethren assembled, marched in procession to the Parish Church at Lahore, (that is to say, the St. James' Church which used to be located in the building which is now the Anarkali's tomb in the Civil Secretariat premises on the Lower Mall) where a sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. Hooper. Upon conclusion of the Service, the D.G.M. and Brethren marched back in procession to the Freemasons' Hall, where the District Grand Lodge was duly closed. In the evening at 7 p.m. the Brethren of Lahore, and invited guests to the number of 42, assembled in the Banquet Hall for dinner, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The appointment in 1877 of Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir Robert Eyles Egerton, C.S.I., as the Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, marked the convening **ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR** of an Emergent General Meeting of the District Grand Lodge on 27th April, to present an Address of Congratulation to this worthy Brother on the honour bestowed on him by Her Majesty The Empress of India, and to express the great gratification of the Brethren at his having been so kind as to attend. The said Emergent Meeting was attended by a large assembly of Masons. After the preliminary welcome, the Address of Congratulation was read by Rt. Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay,



D.G.M. His Honour the Lieut. Governor after receiving the Address, which was brilliantly illuminated, heartily reciprocated the good wishes and kindly feelings shown to him.

On 21st September, 1877, the District Grand Lodge assembled for the first time at Simla, away from its headquarters in Lahore, under the Banner of  
**DISTRICT MEETS** Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, the oldest Lodge in the  
**IN SIMLA** District. Hitherto, Meetings of all the District Grand Lodges in India were held at their respective headquarters and this was the first occasion that any District held its Meeting elsewhere. So successful was this Emergent Meeting at Simla, that it set the stamp for future Meetings at this beautiful hill station every Autumnal season, during which the Masonic week came to be rounded off by a Grand Ball attended by his Excellency the Viceroy and the elite of the station. Subsequently, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held its meetings at other stations as well.

Towards the middle of 1877, the 18th Lodge in the District, namely, THE EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 1722 (Warranted on 28th August, 1877) at Dugshai was constituted. The events leading up to the formation of this Lodge may be stated in brief. In 1875 the 39th Regiment stationed at Dugshai held an Irish Warrant for a Regimental Lodge, which, for reasons not known, was never worked. The arrival of the 59th Regiment from Agra in February 1877 infused some Masonic vigour in the town as that Regiment contained many old distinguished Masons. A Meeting was soon convened at which the Rev. F.W. Robberds, D.G. Chaplain of Bengal, presided, to consider the question of establishing a Lodge. Decisions were taken speedily, funds poured in fast and on 16th June, 1877, a petition signed by Brothers F.W. Robberds, R.S. Shinkwin, J.L.J. Gordon, R. Dennett, S. May, J.R. Pither, G.H. Chippendall, George Turner, S. Howard, W.C. Phinn and W. Fentham was forwarded for the grant of a Warrant. A Provisional Warrant was received from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab on 2nd July, 1877, and the first Regular Meeting of the Lodge was held on 5th July, 1877, with Wor. Bro. Capt. J.L.J. Gordon acting as its first Master.

Again in December, 1877, on St. John's Day, an Emergent Meeting was held when the District Grand Lodge with about 70 Brethren arrayed under their respective Banners, marched to St. James's Church, Lahore, to Divine Service. The D.G.L. and Brethren having returned in procession to Freemasons' Hall, the District Grand Lodge was called off till 7 p.m., when the Brethren re-assembled in the John Lawrence Hall in Lawrence Gardens (now a part of the Gymkhana Club in Lawrence Gardens, now named, Bagh-i-Jinnah) to dinner where the usual Masonic speeches were delivered. The District Grand Lodge was then closed at 12 mid-night. [Such functions had been held each year almost regularly in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance," since the inception of that Lodge in Lahore, and from 1869, with the formation of the District Grand Lodge, under the Provincial Banner, and were repeated regularly each year. The last of such Meetings reported in full in the D.G.L. Minutes of Proceedings is that dated 27th December, 1887. Thereafter, Divine Service was held each year on the 27th December which Masons attended, but it did not form a part of the District Meeting, which was



held in the evening. The Minutes of these later District Meetings therefore only refer to the Divine Service in a passing or casual way. By the turn of the century, the Divine Service held on the 27th December, which Masons attended formally, came to an end. No further reference to these functions will now be made in this chronicle for the subsequent years].

In October, 1878, the D.G.M. gave an important ruling, namely, that all candidates obliged to take oaths on the Volume of the Sacred Laws would take them on what the candidates themselves regarded as their respective Volume of the Sacred Law, that is to say, the Bible for the Christians, the Old Testament for the Jews, the *Quran* for the Muslims, the Shastras for the Hindus, the *Granth* for the Sikhs and the Zend Avesta for the Parsis.

As regards the progress of Freemasonry in general in 1878, Lodge "Sutlej" at Bahawalpur returned its Warrant as the State had been handed over to the Nawab and the European officials had all left. The D.G.M. had hoped that this Lodge would exist after the European officials had left, and would be worked by Muslims in an Indian Muslim State, but unfortunately those hopes were not realised. All other Lodges in the District were doing well.

In January, 1879, Lodge "Sutlej" was resuscitated; the Warrant of this Lodge lying idle with the District Grand Secretary was transferred to Amritsar where the Lodge was duly formed under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Gill, W.M. An old copy of the By-Laws of Lodge "Sutlej" states: "Re-established at Amritsar on 4-12-1878."

On 15th September, 1879, an Emergent Meeting of the District was held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459. Recounting the accomplishment in the District in the last ten years, the D.G.M. stated that the District had closed the tenth year of its existence with 18 Lodges and 557 subscribing members. The D.G.M. further stated that the number of members would have been greater but, owing to the movements of troops....consequent on the Kabul War, many Brethren had resigned from their Lodges, and Brethren in the new in-coming Regiments, not feeling sure of their length of stay in any particular station, had not joined any Lodge at the close of the year. At this Meeting, Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir Robert Eyles Egerton, the Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, and Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir Andrew Clarke, were also present.



## THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

In January, 1880, Rt. Wor. Bro. Major Ramsay, D.G.M., had to report the unfortunate news of his impending transfer to Ambala, and of his inability to be present at District Meetings as frequently as he had been able to do during the past seven years. Reporting at the Regular Meeting held that month about the state of the Lodges in the District, the D.G.M. stated that they were doing "as well as could be expected considering the movement of troops in the Punjab". Reporting on another important piece of Masonic news, namely, the move under way for the establishment of the first Masonic Lodge at Kabul, the D.G.M. stated:—

"We have a host of worthy Brethren up there: the 9th Lancers, the 72nd and 92nd Highlanders are full of them. Those who know Lodge Wahab at Sialkot will know the excellence of the Masons of the first two Regiments, instructed in the precepts of Masonry as they were by Wor. Bro. Nash, whom I am so glad to greet here this evening——".

THE SEAFORTH LODGE No. 1866 was constituted at Kabul on 9th January, 1880; this first Meeting being held under a Provisional Warrant issued by the District. The founder members of this Lodge were J.A. G.H. Stewart, G.H. Langridge, D. Lewis, G.N. Money, C.A. Gorham, J. Walsh, T.L. Lewis, W. Friend, W. I. Smith, A. Anderson, T. Radford and J.A.E. Woods. Its Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge on 3rd June, 1880, on the distinct condition that on the British Troops, retiring from Kabul, the Lodge would be removed to some permanent Station within the Punjab District, and a report of the same be made to the Grand Master. The first Master of this Lodge was Wor. Bro. Maj. J.A.G.H. Stewart Mackenzie of the 9th Lancers—Mackenzie of Seaforth—after whom the Lodge was named. This Lodge met in the Sherpore Club, which consisted of a tent or tents with mud walls round it. At the Emergent Meeting of the District held in April, the D.G.M. reported that this youngest Lodge i.e. Lodge "Seaforth" No. 1866 at Kabul, had close on 200 members and was the strongest Lodge in the District.

On St. John's Day, 27th December, 1880, a general installation of Wor. Masters of Lodges "Hope and Perseverance", "Ravee" and "Northern Star", took place at the Installation Meeting of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore. This was not the first general installation at one Meeting held under the auspices of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 on St. John's Day and neither was it the last, but at least it was the last of a long and continuous series that started from 1869. Wor. Masters of Lodges "Hope and Perseverance" and "Ravee" were installed together on St. John's Day at the Installation Meeting of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance"



in 1869; that of Lodges "Hope and Perseverance" and "Mooltan" in 1870; of Lodges "Hope and Perseverance", "Mooltan" and "Ravee" in 1871; of "Hope and Perseverance" and "Ravee" in 1872; of "Hope and Perseverance" and "Industry" in 1873; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Ravee" and "St. John the Evangelist" in 1874; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Industry", "St. John the Evangelist", "Ravee" and "Unity, Peace and Concord" (Regimental Lodge of the 2nd Bn. The First Royal Scots) in 1875; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Wahab", "Ravee", "St. John the Evangelist", "Industry" and "Unity, Peace and Concord" in 1876; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Ravee", "St. John the Evangelist" and "Industry" in 1877; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Ravee", "Industry", "St. John the Evangelist", "Sutlej", "Mooltan" and "Charity" in 1878; of "Hope and Perseverance", "Wahab", "Ravee", "Mooltan", "Sutlej", "St. John the Evangelist" and "Industry" in 1879; and of "Hope and Perseverance", "Ravee" and "Northern Star" in 1880. After 1880 a few general installations are recorded, but it can be fairly stated that this peculiar 'land-mark' of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 gradually died out after 1880.

The number of subscribing members in the District on 30th June, 1880, was 524 and that on 31st December, 1880, was 485. The total number of Lodges on 31st December, 1880, was 19.

The years 1880 and 1881 were years of satisfactory progress in the District; though the number of subscribing members during this period showed considerable fluctuation.

In marked contrast to this satisfactory state, certain internal bickering amongst the officers of the District Grand Lodge in the year 1880 resulted in an unfortunate state of discord. In short, a spirit of 'fault finding' having arisen, the fraternity at the highest level found itself divided on minor issues. At one stage it appeared that a notice of motion regarding a resolution, proposed and seconded by two worthy Brethren, amounted to a direct open censure on the action of the D.G.M. and an attempt to infringe on his prerogatives and powers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, D.G.M., was not, however, prepared to let the matter pass, without seeking as many sound opinions as possible. Accordingly, the D.G.M. prepared a memo containing his views and sent it to most of the D.G.L. officers both present and past, for their views, and at the same time wrote to the Grand Registrar, for his official opinion. Most of the D.G.L. officers agreed with the D.G.M. Then came the reply from the Grand Registrar who whole-heartedly concurred with the D.G.M. In the face of such strong support, the D.G.M. dealt with the matter according to the opinion of the Grand Registrar. This produced a salutary effect, where the question of the rights and prerogatives of the D.G.M. and the action taken by him, were concerned. But, unfortunately, a no less eminent Brother than Wor. Bro. J. W. Ottley, Deputy District Grand Master, who happened to be of a different view, tendered his resignation. Wor. Bro. J. W. Ottley took the unusual step of resigning his high office at the Regular Meeting of the District on 8th April, 1881, at the very moment he had communication of the intended resignation of Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, who was proceeding to England for good on medical grounds, when, by retaining that office, he could have been placed at the head of Masonry in the Punjab. At this Regular Meeting, Wor.



Bro. J. W. Ottley, the resigning D.D.G.M., installed Wor. Bro. Lt. Colonel Anthony Stewart, as D.D.G.M. and made over to him the charge of the District.

The Regular Meeting of the District in April, 1881, could not be presided by Rt. Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, as his health had suddenly and most unexpectedly broken down and he was forced to go to England, and the doctor did not even allow him to proceed to Lahore to attend this last Meeting. During the nine and a half years that Rt. Wor. Bro. Major M. Ramsay held charge of the Punjab District, he performed his duties with the highest integrity and zeal. At every stage he kept the welfare of Masonry before him as his aim. It was somewhat unfortunate that his retirement, as the head of the District, coincided with an incident which brought about the resignation of the D.D.G.M.

By the middle of 1881 Lodge "Seaforth" at Kabul closed down and the warrant was returned to the D.G.M. On 10th October, 1881, "The Seaforth Lodge" No. 1866 was erased consequent on the D.G.M. returning the Warrant to the Grand Lodge due to the transfer of troops from Kabul and the absence of Brethren there to run the Lodge.

Before the close of the year, the District issued a Provisional Warrant for a new Lodge, namely, THE STEWART LODGE No. 1960, to be started at Rawalpindi. The birth of this Lodge was conceived in the minds of three very distinguished Masons, namely, Brigadier-General William Godfrey Dunham Massy, C.B., Lt. Col. Anthony Stewart, Bengal Staff Corps, (after whom the Lodge was named) and Capt. Henry Studholme Brownrigg, of the Rifle Brigade, who thought it desirable to found a second Lodge in Rawalpindi as the only Lodge at that time working there ("Mayo" No. 1413) was getting so large as to retard the healthy growth of Freemasonry. Under the Provisional Warrant, this Lodge was Consecrated on St. John's Day (27th December, 1881) in a Bungalow in the Civil Lines at Rawalpindi, where the Garrison Class used to be held. That Bungalow, situated on the edge of the Park where the Jhelum (Grand Trunk) Road crossed the North Western Railway, was later called "Donny Brook" around 1896. The Lodge was Consecrated by Wor. Bro. Col. G. B. Wolseley (later to become the D.G.M., Punjab) who was at the same Meeting elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge, in recognition of his services as Consecrating Officer of the Lodge. At this Meeting, Bro. Capt. George Tomkyns Morris of the Bengal Staff Corps (then Garrison Instructor at Rawalpindi) was installed as the first Master of the Lodge. This Lodge was sponsored by "Khyber" No. 582 and its Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge on 9th February, 1882. The Warrant bore a special endorsement granting the Lodge permission to meet at Murree during the summer months. The founder members were in all 14, of whom 10 were soldiers, 1 banker, 1 barrister, 1 surveyor and 1 brewer. The founder members were George Tomkyns Morris, Edwin Fulcher Stranack, Thoroton Harte Farrer, Henry Studholme Brownrigg, William Godfrey Dunham Massy, George Blake, Henry Josiah Whympier, Augustus Henry Turner, James William Graves, Richard Sanderson Simonds, Edward Pengree, George Battey Scott, Edward Eardley Lushington and Peter Legh Clowes. In addition to the founders, 6 other Brethren were declared to be original members of the Lodge. The By-Laws of the Lodge which were confirmed in open Lodge on 21st January, 1882, and received the confirmation of Grand



Lodge on 17th April, 1882, provided for two meetings in a month. The establishment of "The Stewart Lodge" No. 1960 raised the number of Lodges under the District Banner to 19.

Within a matter of months, the new Acting D.G.M. reported at the District Meeting in January, 1882, of the intended opening of a new Lodge at Jhelum, namely, THE PUNJAB NORTHERN LODGE No. 1961, the 20th in the District. Sponsored by Lodge "Industry" No. 1485, this Lodge was founded by Brethren serving in the Railway and was constituted on 2nd January, 1882, with Wor. Bro. C.F.J. Weber as its first Master. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted on 9th February, 1882. The founder members of this Lodge were C.F.J. Weber, E. Greaves, W. J. Fault, J. W. Murray, T. E. Wale, E. T. Pinniger, J. W. Spurr, G. O'Brien, J. R. Skeet and J. Collins. [This Lodge changed its name to "Jhelum" in 1883].

At an Emergent Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 24th February, 1882, Wor. Bro. Lt. Colonel Anthony Stewart of the Bengal Staff Corps, was duly installed as Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of the Punjab, at an impressive and imposing ceremony, well attended by a large number of Brethren from distant places. **STEWART  
INSTALLED** The honour of installing Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. Anthony Stewart as D.G.M. fell to the good fortune of Wor. Bro. Capt. George Blake, P.D.D.G.M. At this Meeting Wor. Bro. Walter Adlard, P.D.J.G.W., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab.

Before the year ran out, a new Lodge, THE RISING STAR LODGE No. 1995, the 21st on the Roll of the District, was opened at Rawalpindi, with Wor. Bro. Dhanjibhoy Camadore, P. M., P.D.D.G.M., as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by "Mayo" No. 1413. To expedite the establishment of the Lodge a Provisional Warrant was granted and the Lodge was constituted on 27th December, 1882. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge on 7th March, 1883. The founder members of this Lodge were F. C. Dhanjibhoy, J. W. Gerard, J. W. Ward, J. Dunn, T. E. Wale, J. Robb, J. Patterson, F. A. Lopes, K. N. Kavasjee, J. A. Hottinger, C. T. Dalby, T. S. Brownrigg, C. W. Calthrop and G. T. Morris. The first By-Laws of the Lodge, which were confirmed in open Lodge on 18th April, 1883 and approved and confirmed by the D. G. M. and the Grand Master respectively later, provided for two meetings each month.

The report of the half year ending December, 1882, disclosed that there were 614 subscribing members and 21 Lodges in the District; the new Lodge "Rising Star" working under a Provisional Warrant.

By early 1883, it was noticed that Lodge "Indus" No. 1279, at Dera Ismail Khan would have to be removed. The changes that had taken place at Dera Ismail Khan had prevented a Meeting for some months and under Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Boswell's initiative it was decided to transfer the Lodge to Kohat as it stood every chance of working well there.

At the Regular Meeting of the District on 13th January, 1883, the Acting D.G.M., Wor. Bro. W. Adlard, reported that all Lodges were working well and that there had not been a single complaint.



On 12th February, 1883, THE DEVON LODGE No. 1999, at Jullundur, was opened by the Deputy District Grand Master in charge, assisted by other Brethren from Lahore and Amritsar. Wor. Bro. D. Woodeson, was installed as its first Master. This Lodge was Warranted on 31st May, 1883; its application being sponsored by "Charity" No. 563. The founder members of "Devon" were D. Woodeson, J. Smedley, A. Anderson, H. Hellings, G. A. Keating, G. Drew, G. Mackie and F. Johnson.

In October, 1883, the transfer of Lodge "Indus" No. 1279, to Kohat was completed. Wor. Bro. Major A. H. Turner was installed as its Wor. Master.

Reporting on the state of the work in the District at its Meeting in October, the D.D.G.M. commented that the working in the various Lodges was good. Speaking on the advancement of Freemasonry in general, the D.D.G.M. stated that:—

"Within the last six years we have opened five new Lodges in our District, no less than ten in Bengal, five in Madras, and three in Bombay, giving a total fairly accurate of 23 Lodges opened in India during that time, which, considering the migratory nature of our homes in this country and fewness of our numbers, bear, I think, a very satisfactory comparison, even with the number started in our motherland."

Reporting on the same subject at the Regular Meeting of the District in Rawalpindi on 12th April, 1884, the D.G.M. stated that the returns showed a decrease of 49 members at the close of 1883, as compared with 1882, which was due to an abnormal number of resignations. The D.G.M. also reported the unsatisfactory working of Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307, at Multan, and the extraordinary conduct of its Wor. Master who had returned the Warrant of that Lodge without consulting all the members of that Lodge. The D.G.M. reported that he would not allow that Lodge to be closed as there was one Past Master willing to work the Lodge, with whom he had been in correspondence, and several other Brethren who were desirous of joining that Lodge in the coming cold season.

By the close of 1883, there were 566 subscribing members and 22 Lodges in the District.

At this stage one matter which requires comment, is the surprising manner in which the District had maintained its numerical strength in the face of large resignations and migration of Brethren. In 1883, for instance, no less than 330 members resigned, but a large flow of new blood made up what would have been a 55% decrease. In the previous few years, the District had annually recorded resignation of as many as one third its members. With such a picture, it could not be doubted that Freemasonry was a popular institution in the Punjab. The majority of the Brethren then were military men, continually changing their residence and necessarily their Lodges. To this may be added the disturbing element of a small migratory European population moving about nomadically from place to place. In this context, the part played by the staunch and old members in holding Lodges together under stress and difficulties, deserves commendation.

As already stated above, the state of Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307, at Multan, had been far from satisfactory. However, by October, 1884, the D.G.M. whilst reporting about the



progress of various Lodges at the Regular Meeting of the District, intimated to the Brethren that Lodge "Mooltan" had re-opened under the charge of Bro. Wager; he having been assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge and the District Grand Secretary who were actively instrumental in resuscitating the Lodge. Lodge "Mooltan" was thus saved.

The year 1884 was not a happy year with regard to the progress of the craft in the District. The number of subscribers on 30th June, 1884, was 581; the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District remaining at 22. Referring to this decrease in the Regular Meeting of the District held at Rawalpindi in April, 1885, the D.G.M. stated that this had been due to a large number of military Brethren leaving the stations of Peshawar, Dugshai, Ferozepur and Rawalpindi. The D.G.M. also pointed out that military movements that year had been unusually frequent which had seriously hampered the working of Lodges situated in cantonments. This Regular Meeting held on 4th April, coincided with the Darbar Week being held in Rawalpindi and with the concentration of troops at that Cantonment.

On 13th July, 1885, THE TRIUNE BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 2121 (Warranted on 31st October, 1885) at Kasauli was established, with Wor. Bro. A. S. F. McDowell as its first Master. A flash back with respect to this Lodge is necessary. Many years back, a Lodge called "Triune Brotherhood" used to meet at Sabathu and thereafter at Kasauli; its Warrant being dated 1856 and its number being 94 on the old Register of Lodges. Prior to the formation of the Punjab District in 1869 this Lodge had fallen into abeyance. It was not until 1885 that Wor. Bro. J. Marshall with certain energetic Brethren from Mian Mir (Lahore) and Ambala, stationed at Kasauli, tried to re-kindle the light of Masonry in Kasauli and a Provisional Warrant was issued by the District for the establishment of Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" at Kasauli. The founder members were J. Marshall, A.S.F. McDowell, F. Pilcher, A. Gray, Rev. A. Quinlan, R.R. Richmond, W. Perry, E. Wilkinson, J. Bonsor, J. Wood and W. D. Emslie. At the first Meeting on 13th July, 1885, the petition of the Lodge and the Provisional Warrant were read. The Lodge was then constituted according to ancient custom and Bro. A.S.F. McDowell installed in the Chair. The ceremony was carried out by Wor. Bros. John Marshall and Major W. M. Turnbull of Lodge "Charity", assisted by Wor. Bro. J. Judge of Lodge "Excelsior".

On 22nd December, 1885, Lodge, "Indus" No. 1279 at Kohat held its last Meeting. For some time this Lodge had not been doing well. At this last Meeting, which was an installation one, Bro. Col. Bird was installed as its Master. After this date, the Lodge went into abeyance and the Minutes of the 22nd December, 1885, were never confirmed. Lodge "Indus" No. 1279 thus disappeared from the Provincial scene. [This Lodge was erased from the Grand Lodge Register on 13th August, 1890.]

In January, 1886, the District Grand Lodge, in accordance with the District Grand Chaplain's suggestion, resolved at its Regular Meeting at Lahore that the Freemasons of the Punjab present a Masonic or tessellated pavement for the chancel to the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, which Cathedral was then nearing completion, that the District Grand Lodge head the subscription list with Rs. 1000 and that other Lodges and Masonic



bodies in the Punjab be also invited to subscribe. It may be here stated that in the past, grants had been made twice by the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab towards the Building Fund of this Cathedral. At this Meeting, the D.G.M. reported the condition of the Craft Lodges as "satisfactory", save the inconvenience caused by the absence of a great many of the members who were on military duty.

By April, 1886, Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. Stewart, fell seriously ill and the doctors strongly urged his going "Home" hoping that a change of climate would benefit his health. In fact so poor was his health that his doctors did not even allow him to proceed to Lahore to appear before the Medical Board. Therefore, the D.G.M. could not attend the Regular Meeting of the District on the 3rd April, 1866. Thus Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. A. Stewart was not in a position at this Regular Meeting to bid the Brethren under his rule a fraternal farewell, nor were the Brethren able to personally wish their retiring Master a speedy relief and a happy return to his native land. Wor. Bro. E. W. Parker, D.S.G.W., was given charge of the District by the D.G.M., prior to his departure for England.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. A. Stewart thus left the District with 23 Craft Lodges working and 574 subscribing members on its Rolls as on 31st December, 1885. Before the D.G.M. left the District, Lodge "Mooltan" had been resuscitated by the temporary advance of funds from the District Grand Lodge. Lodge "Mooltan" had been in practical abeyance for several months owing to the transfer of a Regiment from Multan to another station and changes following upon the taking over of the Sind Punjab and Delhi Railway by Government and to the Camp of Exercise.

On 18th July, 1886, Lodge "Jhelum" No. 1961 met for the last time, Its weakness had been noticed for some time and steps were taken to transfer its membership to Lodge "Rising Star" No. 1995 at Rawalpindi. It returned its Warrant the same year and was erased from the Grand Lodge Register on 17th October, 1887.

In the third quarter of 1886 steps were taken with regard to the participation by the Masonic fraternity of the District in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Empress. At the Regular Meeting of the District held at Dalhousie on 20th September, 1886, it was proposed to send a suitable Address of Congratulations through M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, K. G., to Her Majesty, who was also the Patron of the Freemasons' Order. At the said Meeting it was also decided to present His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., etc., (who had then been appointed to the Command of a Division in the Punjab) on his arrival, with an Address of Welcome to the District, and to request him to consent to rule over the District, if he had not already accepted a higher office in Masonry in India. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was then the Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masonry, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and P.G.J.W. Before the year closed, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught paid a visit to Lodge "Stewart" during the course of his stay in Rawalpindi, where an Address of Welcome was presented to him. An elaborately designed Address was ordered by the District from the School of Art at



Lahore for presentation to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught during his visit to Lahore. Unfortunately, this could not be presented by a Deputation of the District, as was originally intended, due to the change in the Duke's movements and the same was despatched to His Royal Highness by post.

As regards the Jubilee celebrations of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Empress, a committee was formed, subscription lists opened and sums collected were voted to an endowment for a scholarship called "The Victoria Jubilee Scholarship". This Scholarship was attached to the Punjab Masonic Institutions, and was made available for girls.

In January, 1887, the sad news of the sudden and unexpected death in England on 13th December, 1886, of Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. A. Stewart, D.G.M. of the Punjab, was communicated to the Brethren. The Acting D.G.M. paid a befitting tribute to the late D.G.M. and pointed out that the deceased had, during his life, spared neither private loss nor inconvenience to further the interest of the Craft in the District and that his death was not only a matter of sincere and personal regret to the District but an irreparable loss to Masonry in general.

At the aforementioned January Meeting, the Acting D.G.M. communicated to the Brethren the news of the amalgamation in 1886 of Lodge "Jhelum" with Lodge "Rising Star", and of Lodge "Ravee" with Lodge "Hope and Perseverance". The Warrants of Lodge "Ravee" and "Jhelum" were therefore returned to England in 1887 and these Lodges were struck off from the Roll of the District.

On 16th February, 1887, the District Grand Lodge Building at Lahore and some of the Craft Lodges in the Punjab were illuminated in honour of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Empress.

Reporting on the progress of Masonry in general for the year 1886, the Acting D.G.M. stated at the Regular Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 15th April, 1887, that "Masonry had progressed successfully and happily in the Province during the past year." The number of subscribing members on 30th June and 31st December, 1886, being 655 and 659 respectively; the number of Lodges under the banner of the District standing reduced to 21. Lodge "Indus", though in abeyance, still continued on the Roll of the District.



## THE PARKER AND WHYMPER ERA

After the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. A. Stewart, late D.G.M., the Lodges in the District singled out with great unanimity Wor. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker, District Judge, Lahore (later in 1888, Registrar of the Chief Court of the Punjab), as their choice to fill the office of the District head. When Wor. Bro. E.W. PARKER  
INSTALLED

Parker heard of the choice made by the Lodges in the District, he addressed a letter to the Grand Lodge pointing out the names of other distinguished Masons as being more qualified for the office than himself. However, when the high office was offered to him, he accepted it. Accordingly, at a Regular Meeting of the District held under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 at Simla, on Saturday the 10th September, 1887, Wor. Bro. E. W. Parker, District Judge, Lahore, was duly installed as Rt. Wor. the District Grand Master of the Punjab. The good fortune of installing the D.G.M. fell to the lot of Wor. Bro. Col. O. Menzies, D.S.G.W. At this Installation the representatives of the following District Grand Lodges were present:

District Grand Lodge of Bengal,  
District Grand Lodge of Madras,  
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Madras.

A very large number of Brethren from outstations, a number almost unprecedented in the past annals of Masonry in the District, were present at this Installation Meeting.

The year 1887 witnessed an unexpected change in the general progress of Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307. This Lodge struck a despondent note, as it again went into abeyance due to paucity of resident members.

Towards the third quarter of 1887, the District Grand Secretary received a circular letter from the Grand Secretary, England, authorising the Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer that year, Past Provincial or District Grand Ranks on Brethren in their Province or District in commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's reign. Accordingly, at the Regular Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 14th January, 1888, the D.G.M. selected the three under-noted eminent Brethren for the Honours:

Wor. Bro. Brij Lal Ghose, R.B.,	P.D.D.G.M.
Wor. Bro. Captain J. Judge,	P.D.D.G.M.
Wor. Bro. Lieut. W. P. Carson,	P.D.S.G.W.

It may be here recalled that Wor. Bro. Brij Lal Ghose was then well-known in the District as the pioneer of Masonry amongst the 'Natives' in the District. His zeal, energy and Masonic virtues were unprecedented and he commanded great affection and esteem in public, private and Masonic life.



Reporting on the working of the Lodges in the District at the Regular Meeting held at Lahore on 4th April, 1888, the D.G.M. stated that "Masonry was in a satisfactory position in the District". Referring to the general drop in the number of subscribing members in 1887 as compared to the previous year, the D.G.M. stated that the fluctuations which went on in Lodges in military stations owing to movement of troops were something which could not be controlled; and he further pointed out that two of the Lodges in the District had united with two others and that two other Lodges were in abeyance owing to temporary circumstances affecting the military elements. Referring to Lodge "Mooltan", the D.G.M. stated that he was anxious to have that Lodge re-established and he had taken steps in that direction; and as regards Lodge "Indus" he was considering the feasibility of establishing it as a moveable Lodge, to be worked at any of the frontier stations lying along the Indus where the Brethren may, from time to time, need a Lodge.

Towards the middle of 1888, Lodge "Mooltan" resumed working; Lodge "Indus" at Kohat still remaining inactive.

**LODGE BUILDINGS** A very noteworthy advance made in Freemasonry in the District in the year 1888 was the effort made by the D.G.M. to provide Lodge Buildings for all those Lodges in the District which did not already have them. The object of this scheme was to enable the Lodges to save for Masonic purposes the sums being paid out by them as rents. Pursuant to this step, Lodge "Wahab" acquired land in Sialkot and began construction of its Lodge building and applied for a loan from the District to partially meet its construction costs, which loan was granted. Further, the D.G.M. applied for and acquired a site for Lodge "Mooltan". At a Special Meeting of the District held at Lahore in October, 1888, the District Grand Lodge approved certain principles by which the District agreed to render all aid in its power to all the Craft Lodges under its rule to enable them to attain this object by making loans etc. By the end of 1888, Lodge "Morning Star" provided itself with a fine Masonic Hall at Palampur (Dharamsala) without asking for any external aid.

In the beginning of 1889 steps were taken for enlarging the premises of Freemasons' Hall, Lahore. The additions, when completed, provided the necessary extra space for the improvement of the Library, the management of which was taken up seriously. Likewise, in the same year the draft Rules for the Library were printed and approved by the District.

Towards the end of 1889, the District Grand Lodge was favoured by visits from two eminent Brethren. At a Special Meeting of the District held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday the 9th November, 1889, the following visitors attended:

Wor. Bro. Colonel O. Menzies, P. Grand Deacon of England;

Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble H. T. Prinsep, D.G.M. Bengal.

The date of this Meeting also coincided with three auspicious events. It was the birthday of H.R.H., M.W. The Grand Master of England; it was the date of the landing on Indian



shores of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales (afterwards Duke of Clarence and Avondale); and it was also the date that the Senior D.G.M. in India, Rt. Wor. Bro. Prinsep, honoured the Punjab District by his presence.

On 18th December, 1889, THE QUETTA LODGE No. 2333 was constituted by Wor. Bro. Stephen Minchin Mercer, acting on behalf of the D.G.M. Wor. Bro. W. A. Murison was installed as its first Master. At the time of its constitution there were already two other Lodges in Quetta, one working under the Scottish Constitution and the other under the Irish Constitution. Before the new Lodge was sanctioned, the D.G.M. consulted the M. W. Grand Master of All Scottish Free Masonry in India to make sure that the interest of the Scottish Lodge working at Quetta would not in any way be endangered. On receiving a reply from the M. W. Grand Master that he had no objections to offer, the D.G.M. then referred the case to the Grand Lodge for a ruling as to the extension of the local jurisdiction of the District, which reply being favourable, a Provisional Warrant was accordingly issued. "The Quetta Lodge" No. 2333 was sponsored by "Northern Star" No. 1463; and was granted a Warrant by the Grand Lodge on 20th November, 1889. The founder members of this Lodge were William Alexander Murison, John Jesse Cumming, Burjorjee Dorabji Patel, Stephen Minchin Mercer, Robert Kerr, Andrew Anderson, George Hocknell, Charles Wanstall, William Docin Holmes, Byramjee Ratanjee Katrak, Edward Tydeman, Joseph Callow, Jesse Woodhams, Samuel Rostill, John Richard Leadbeter, Charles Earnest Carr and David Donald.

The progress of Masonry in general in the District in 1889 was satisfactory. By the end of that year there were 22 Lodges working and 644 members on its Rolls; Lodge "Quetta" being the latest addition and the youngest Lodge in the District. Five Lodges of instruction were working, attached to Lodges "Sutlej", "Excelsior", "Industry", "Northern Star" and "St. John the Evangelist".

In early 1890 a petition, sponsored by Brethren of Lodges "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 and "Industry" No. 1485, was preferred to the D.G.M. for the establishment of an Installed Master's Lodge, to be named after H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The petition was submitted with a view to bringing together the Masonic talents and experience of the rulers and past rulers of the Craft and to promote discussion of important questions by a body of persons possessing high qualifications. The first steps to start such a Lodge were taken in December 1889. Seven Past-Masters, namely, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. Parker and Wor. Bros. W. Bull, P. C. Mukerjee, Brij Lal Ghose, F. Koenig, E. C. Jusawalla and B. A. Crozier had held a preliminary Meeting at Lahore on 7th December 1889 to decide upon the feasibility of constituting an Installed Master's Lodge. At that Meeting they had decided to apply for a Warrant for a Lodge to be named "THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE" in order to mark H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor's visit to the Punjab; and to apply for a Provisional Warrant in order to constitute the Lodge about the time of H.R.H.'s visit to Lahore. It was decided to confine the membership of the Lodge to Masters and Past Masters of Lodges working under the English Constitution; the members to consist of an Outer Circle of unlimited corresponding members and of an Inner Circle of regular members limited



in number to 36, to be elected from the members of the Outer Circle having at least one year's standing. Admission to the Outer Circle was to be decided by ballot and to the Inner Circle, depending upon vacancy, also by ballot. A second preliminary Meeting was held on 25th February, 1890, where it was decided to constitute the new Lodge on 12th April, 1890, and to send a letter to H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor intimating that the new Lodge was to be constituted in commemoration of his visit to the Punjab and asking permission to name it after His Royal Highness and to allow his name to be entered as one of the members founding the Lodge. The petition for the new Lodge was signed by Wor. Bros. E. W. Parker, Brij Lal Ghose, F. Koenig, P. S. Mukerjee, William Bull, Col. O. Menzies, E.C. Jassawalla, P.C. Chatterjee, Surgn-Maj. C.W. Calthrop, H.J. Whymper, Capt. W.P. Carson, Revd. Spence Gray, J.R.B. Ball, C.F. Massy, Mark Carrol, S.M. Mercer, J. Barnes-Cooke, F.W. Miller, W.J. Gill, J. Tuck, Lt. J. Hedingham, C.H. Chetham, C.H.T. Marshall, D.F. Camadore, Capt. W.A. Murison, C. Brown, Lt.-Col. J.G. Kelly and R.C. Williams. The name of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor headed the list of founder members.

On 15th January, 1890, the D.G.M. reported at the Regular Meeting of the District held at Lahore, the impending visit of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales, P.G.S.W. of England, to Lahore. It was resolved at the said Meeting to present the Senior Warden of England with a Silver Level, embossed and chased with a suitable inscription and names of Lodges, as a token of fraternal welcome. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor had hitherto declined to receive all addresses or souvenirs, except in certain circumstances indicated under the Orders of the Government of India, but in consideration of the position he held in the Craft, he departed from the rule and accepted the souvenir from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and expressed great appreciation at the fraternal regard shown to him by the District. Since His Royal Highness' stay in Lahore was very short and so fully occupied, the souvenir could not be received at the hands of the D.G.M., but had to be transmitted to Government House where it was received by the Royal Prince.

Simultaneously, in the same month, and by a happy coincidence, H.R.H. Arthur William Patrick Albert, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (also Rt. Wor. D.G.M. of Bombay), visited Quetta and was presented with an Address of Welcome by members of Lodge "Quetta" No. 2333. He was also requested to accept the honorary membership of that Lodge, to which he signified his consent.

On 12th April, 1890, the District Grand Lodge was convened specially, in addition to its usual business, for the purpose of constituting THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE No. 2370 (Warranted on 16th May, 1890) as an Installed Master's Lodge. The Lodge was constituted under a Provisional Warrant issued by the D.G.M., subject to the receipt of the permanent Warrant from M.W. the Grand Master of England. Wor. Bro. Col. Oswald Menzies, Inspector-General of Police, Punjab, was appointed its first Master. The new Lodge comprised, amongst its founders, 29 Past Masters with H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales as one of them. At that Meeting, the District recommended the donation



of Rs. 2,000 from the Fund of Benevolence for the construction of the Prince Albert Victor Block at the Mayo Hospital, Lahore. However, Rs. 1,500 were donated later to provide the facility of two beds in the Albert Victor Block for Freemasons or their families.

Thus by the first quarter of 1890, each of the two youngest Lodges in the District had inscribed on its Roll of members the name of an illustrious member of the Royal Family.

On 13th August, 1890, Lodge "Indus" No. 1279 of Kohat was finally erased from the Roll of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge had returned its Warrant after having been in abeyance since its last Meeting on 22nd December, 1885, at which Col. Bird was installed as its last Master.

At the Regular Meeting of the District at Simla in September, 1890, the D.G.M. reported the existence of 673 members on the Roll of the District during the half year ending June 1890, and the fact that Lodge "Rising Star" No. 1995 had been amalgamated with Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413. There was no room for three Lodges in Rawalpindi and the weaker was closed to provide greater efficiency to the remaining two. Lodge "Rising Star" was erased in 1890. It may be here stated in passing that the District was honoured at this Meeting by the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch Bihar, P.S.G.W. of England and D.D.G.M. of Bengal. The Maharaja was a Past Master of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 Simla and thus a member of the Punjab District.

The years 1890-91 were fruitful years. Reporting on the progress of Masonry for the year 1890, the D.G.M. at the Regular Meeting of the District at Lahore on 15th January, 1891, pointed out that Masonry during that year "had been eminently satisfactory." He stated that "a marked improvement has taken place in the relations between private Lodges and the District Grand Lodge; they are more in harmony; and the bond of union is closer." He further pointed out that the number of subscribing members on the Rolls of Lodges in the District on 31st December, 1890, was 684, an improvement of 50 over the number on 31st December, 1889. The D.G.M. also reported that Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Mayo", "Stewart," "Industry," and "Hope and Perseverance" were by far the largest and most flourishing Lodges in the District.

The year 1891 ended with a slight decrease in the number of subscribing members. This was owing to the transfer of a number of Regiments from no less than eight stations. Nevertheless, the District continued to hold together its membership and the number of subscribing members as on 31st December, 1891, did not drop below 655.

In January, 1892, the unexpected demise of Rt. Wor. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G. etc., etc., came as a shock to the British nation and the Craft. A District Grand Lodge and Chapter of Mourning was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 23rd January, 1892, to place on record the condolence of the



District and sorrow with which the news had been received. The Mourning Ceremonial held that day by the District Grand Lodge was attended by a large number of Brethren and a befitting resolution was passed, copy of which was sent to M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the father of the deceased Prince. The District Grand Lodge was placed in Masonic mourning for a period of three months. As one will recollect, Prince Albert Victor had been a member of Lodge "Albert Victor" No. 2370 of Lahore.

#### **PARKER RESIGNS**

In March, 1892, Rt. Wor. Bro. E.W. Parker tendered his resignation as the District Grand Master, to M.W. the Grand Master. Though Rt. Wor. Bro. Parker had been installed in September, 1887, he had held charge of the District since April, 1886. He tendered his resignation chiefly in the interests of the Craft. It was his view that a person who remained too long in office, produced stagnation, and that a change every five or six years was beneficial. At a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, at Simla on 12th September, 1892, the first formal intimation of Rt. Wor. Bro. Parker's resignation and the appointment by M.W. the Grand Master of Wor. Bro. Henry J. Whympers, C.I.E., D.D.G.M., as his successor, was communicated to the members of the District. Wor. Bro. Whympers was a man of mark in and out of Masonry, an erudite scholar of ancient Masonic literature and one who, by practice, had set an example as a true savant and servant of the Order. His name was probably more widely known amongst Masons than that of any other Brother in India. He had devoted almost all his spare time and a large part of his money to the enlargement of the Masonic Library at Lahore. An excellent writer and contributor to Masonic literature, he had also delivered many lectures in the District on Masonic topics.

Unfortunately, Wor. Bro. Whympers was not destined to be the ruler of the District. When the announcement of his appointment was communicated to him, he accepted the same with great diffidence, as his health had been exceedingly poor. It seemed he had been over-persuaded by his friends with the assurance that he could always rule through his Deputy. Thus, whilst accepting the office, Wor. Bro. Whympers had written to the Grand Secretary that his health was exceedingly poor and that it was most unlikely he would hold the high office long. No sooner had he posted that communication to the United Grand Lodge than Wor. Bro. Whympers suffered very severe nervous attacks and he immediately felt that it was not proper to hold office as head of the District and receive honours, whilst others would do the work for him. He felt it unfair to block the promotion of someone who was physically fit and otherwise capable of doing the work. Accordingly, Wor. Bro. Whympers sent a cable to the Grand Secretary cancelling his acceptance of the office. Though bitter and disappointing the action was to him, it was a noble gesture on his part, for he sacrificed personal interest for the good of Masonry in general. Wor. Bro. Whympers's whole Masonic life had been connected with the Punjab; he had been the founder of three Lodges; he would have given effect to many ideas had he taken over the reins of the District; but all this was not to be. At the Regular Meeting



of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Rawalpindi, on 28th October, 1892, where this noble Brother himself presided as Acting D.G.M., he took the opportunity of placing before the Brethren the circumstances which led to his ultimate resignation. He finally thanked those Lodges which had so kindly congratulated him at that Meeting, or earlier, on his appointment.

At the Annual Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 27th December, 1892, Rt. Wor. Bro. E.W. Parker, D.G.M., personally bade farewell to the District over which he had most ably ruled for over 6½ years. The progress made by the District during his rule deserves a short mention. When he was installed as the District head, there were 21 Lodges and 584 subscribing members at the end of that year. On the date of his last visit, there were 21 Lodges and about 700 subscribing members on its Rolls. The Hall Fund, the Library Fund, the Fund of Benevolence and the Punjab Masonic Institution Fund all showed an "all-time-high." The District Charity had received great attention and roughly 40 children were then on the Rolls as beneficiaries whereas not one deserving case had been turned down during the past six years. The accounting system had been perfected; the By-Laws had been revised and improved; and the working had been streamlined. In short, he had laid the foundation of systematic and intelligent administration and working. The strongest and most vigorous Lodges running were: "Himalayan Brotherhood", "Mayo" "Hope and Perseverance", "Light in the Himalayas", "Industry", "Jumna", "Quetta", "Khyber", "Charity" and "Stewart."

At the aforesaid Meeting, a resolution expressing great and heartfelt regrets with which the Brethren had heard of the determination of the retiring D.G.M. to vacate his high office, was passed. The resolution expressed the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to live near them and that he would continue to further their prospects and aims, by his knowledge, advice and assistance. The announcement of the appointment by M.W. the Grand Master of Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. C.F. Massy, as the new District Grand Master, was also made at the said Meeting for the first time.

On 11th February, 1893, at a Special Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. Charles Francis Massy of the Bengal Staff Corps, P.D.S.G.W. and one of the Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, was installed as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. The good fortune of installing the D.G.M. fell to Wor. Bro. Surgeon Col. Calthrop, M.D., P.D.D.G.M. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. H.J. Whympers was appointed Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab.

The progress of Masonry in 1892 was highly satisfactory. All the Lodges had flourished that year. Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Mayo," "Hope and Perseverance," "Light in the Himalayas," "Khyber," "Industry" and "Quetta" were, in order of merit, the strongest Lodges in the numerical strength of their members. The number of subscribing members at the end of that year was 674. The District had also added several useful Masonic works to its Library and opened its building and premises for social



gatherings such as concerts and garden parties; provided the profits, if any, or some contribution was made to Masonic charity. The Brethren not residing in Lahore were allowed to make use of the District Building when passing through for their temporary residence. The Library and Reading Room were always kept open.

**RAMSAY DIES  
IN MALTA** In March, 1893, the grievous news of the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Marmaduke Ramsay, P.D.G.M. (Punjab) at Malta, on 23rd, January, 1893, was communicated to the District. The late Wor. Bro. Marmaduke Ramsay had twice presided at the United Grand Lodge of England and at the time of his demise was D.G.M., Malta. Bro. Ramsay had received his Masonic Light in Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988 in 1864 and had been the District Grand Master of the Punjab for 7 years from 1875. On retiring from the Punjab he had devoted the remainder of his life to Masonry, and he died in Malta, having last attended a Meeting of the Fraternity only three days prior to his death. To mark the feeling of sorrow, Rt. Wor. Bro. Massy, D.G.M., placed the whole District in mourning for a period of three months. A resolution was also moved and approved on 2nd March, 1893, recording the grief of the District at his sudden and sad demise.

At the aforesaid District Meeting, the D.G.M. pointed out the difficulty that the Brethren in the hill stations were facing consequent on their temporary movement between the summer and winter months from the hills to the plains and *vice versa*. In the case of the vast majority of Brethren, whose salaries were small, it was impossible for them to pay the joining fees or subscription of two Lodges, with the result that a large number of Brethren were deprived of the privilege of being members of a Lodge for six months in the year. The D.G.M., therefore, requested Lodges to consider whether reciprocal arrangements could not be made under which one Lodge could admit Brethren of certain affiliated Lodges without the payment, or payment at some reduced rate, of the entrance or joining fee.

**DISTRICT LOSES  
WHYMPER** Hardly had the District recovered from the grief following the demise of Rt. Wor. Bro. Ramsay, that another great calamity occurred. Wor. Bro. Henry Josiah Whympier, C.I.E., P.D.D.G.M., died at St. George's Hospital, Bombay, on the 27th April, 1893. Wor. Bro. Whympier had gone to Bombay to take care of a sick friend and see him off to England, the land his friend longed to reach before he died. But Wor. Bro. Whympier himself died during this labour of love, far away from his family and home and the comforts and sympathy of friends. Just before his demise, this noble Brother was collecting data to place in the hands of his colleague at Lahore, Wor. Bro. Captain Leslie, for a History of Freemasonry in Asia. Wor. Bro. Whympier was buried at the Service Cemetery at Bombay and his funeral Service was attended, among others, by the Deputy District Grand Master, District Grand Secretary, and District Grand Superintendent of Works, Bombay District, and the Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master and Grand Secretary of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. The District Grand Lodge of Bombay was placed in mourning for one month.



At the Lodge of Sorrow held under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 2nd May, 1893, the D.G.M. alluded in feeling terms to the deplorable event which had shaken the District. The D.G.M. stated that "Wor. Bro. Whymper's death could only be regarded as a calamity—as a loss for which nothing could compensate. His position was unique. Masons in the Punjab had been proud of the fact that there dwelt in their midst a Brother whose Masonic reputation was world wide, who was a recognised authority in Masonic history and literature, whose own published works held a high place in the foremost circles of Masonic culture, and who possessed a Masonic library which was, perhaps, the best private collection in the world... The loss of such a man could not fail to be widely and severely felt. Without doubt he had been what might be called a Masonic focus—a Mason of light and learning." At that Meeting, the District Grand Lodge unanimously passed a touching resolution placing on record its sense of irreparable loss which Masonry in general and the Punjab in particular had sustained by the sudden and untimely death of this worthy and noble Brother who had been twice Deputy District Grand Master in the Punjab; a Brother who had commanded respect, affection and esteem of all who had known him. Lodge "Stewart" No. 1960 (Rawalpindi) passed a resolution to take steps to raise a fund to be called the "Whymper Memorial Fund" for the purpose of distributing whatever income was donated to it, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Punjab Masonic Institution, in equal shares.

At the next Meeting of the District held at Simla, under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, on 11th September, 1893, a pamphlet captioned "In Memoriam: Bro. Henry Josiah Whymper, C.I.E.", written by Bro. William James Hughan, was read by the Acting District Grand Secretary in open Meeting. This pamphlet alluded to the notable works of the late Wor. Bro. Whymper, which included "Regius M.S.," "The Religion of Freemasonry," "Triads in Masonry," "Catalogues and Bibliographies," "Constitutions of Freemasonry," etc. Amongst the many notable Brethren present at that Meeting were:—

Wor. Bro. Col. A.G. Yeatman Biggs, Past Provincial Grand Warden of "Hants" and the Isle of White.

Rt. Wor. Bro. H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch Bihar, P.S.G.W. of England, and District Grand Mark Master of Bengal.

Wor. Bro. H.M. Rustomji, D.G.S. of Bengal.

At this stage a brief retrospection is necessary. Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C.F. Massy, D.G.M., proceeded on leave to England on 1st March, 1893. In England Rt. Wor. Bro. Massy had the honour of meeting M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as well as the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. The D.G.M. also had the privilege of attending a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in May where he was honoured by being seated as Deputy Grand Master.



In December, 1893, the D.G.M. proposed the setting up of a charitable fund to assist those Brethren, and their widows and children, who had previously served in the Punjab but had returned to their homes in England and had fallen into straightened circumstances. In proposing this move, the D.G.M. pointed out that the District had received its greatest support from Brethren who had been and were in the Military profession, whose children whilst they were serving in India, were taken care of by the Government in the Lawrence Asylums but, after they had retired and had fallen into poverty in England, were not taken care of by anyone. It was therefore, necessary to extend such help to them as was their privilege to render, considering that such Brethren were far away from the country where their past work as Masons was performed and where they had given their best to the Masonic charities.

At the December Meeting the D.G.M. recorded with gratitude the steps taken by some of the Lodges to offer members of affiliated Lodges reciprocal benefits in the matter of payment of joining fees or subscriptions. The D.G.M. noted with favour the reciprocity established by Lodge "Charity" at Ambala, with Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood" at Simla, "The Triune Brotherhood" at Kasauli and "Excelsior" at Dugshai, on the basis of non-payment of joining fee or subscription; and between Murree and Rawalpindi Lodges on the basis of reduced subscription. The D.G.M. requested other Lodges to join hands to provide similar concessions.

By the first quarter of 1894 it was noted that Lodge "Morning Star" at Palampur had fallen into difficulties. Its members having found themselves scattered over great distances, there seemed to be little hope of the Lodge being able to continue work.

By March, 1894, the D.G.M. reported the acquisition by the District of the valuable Masonic Library of the late Wor. Bro. Whympers, for which a movement had been made in the summer of 1893, to perpetuate the memory of this departed Brother. This valuable Library was secured through the exertions of Wor. Bro. Leslie of Lodge "Stewart" and Rt. Wor. Bro. E.W. Parker, P.D.G.M. With the addition of Wor. Bro. Whympers' collection, the Masonic Library became one of the six best in the world.

The progress of Freemasonry during 1893 and 1894 was favourable. The number of subscribing members at the end of these two years was 647 and 735 respectively. The number of Lodges in the District at the end of 1894 was 20. In December 1893, Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 at Dugshai fell into temporary difficulties, crippled by the withdrawal of the Garrison, and went into abeyance. In April, 1894, Lodge "Morning Star" No. 1431 at Palampur closed its doors and returned its Warrant. It was finally erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge on 4th September, 1901.

Reporting on the progress of Masonry at the District Meeting in March, 1895, the D.G.M. reported that during the past cold weather the District had been temporarily deprived of the services of several distinguished Masons, absent on the Waziristan Expedition, and in



addition, some of the best Brethren had been posted to Chitral. Referring to the temporary closure of Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 at Dugshai, the D.G.M. intimated that the Masons of the Norfolk Regiment about to be stationed at Dugshai had promised to set that Lodge working. [Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 restarted working in May, 1895.]

The year 1895 saw the British Army deeply engaged in the Frontier. Wor. Bro. Col. J.G. Kelly, one of many distinguished Masons serving the British Army in the Punjab, showed great valour and bravery in Chitral. He was the leader of a Sikh Regiment which made a glorious march from Gilgit and relieved a Chitral Garrison in the face of terrible difficulties and disaster. The whole of the Press in the United Kingdom was enthusiastic in their praise and Col. Kelly was honoured by Her Majesty the Queen by being made her A.D.C. and a Companion of the Bath. At the Festival Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 27th December, 1895, the D.G.M. praised the gallantry and pluck of this worthy Brother and the members of the District Grand Lodge gave him a warm ovation when he rose amidst prolonged applause to thank the D.G.M. for the hearty and warm welcome and gratifying references he had received.

At the above Meeting, the D.G.M. reported the happy news that Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 had resumed work at Dugshai under the support received from the Masons of the East Norfolk Regiment. The D.G.M. also informed the District that he had resigned from his high office and that Wor. Bro. Major General Sir George Benjamin Wolseley, K.C.B., A.D.C., had been appointed his successor by M.W. the Grand Master. The D.G.M. mentioned that he had felt, for sometime past, that being tied down to one locality, he had not been able to move about freely in order to carry out his important duties and as a result thereof his work as District Grand Master had been seriously hampered. He also stated that his conscience troubled him when he reflected on the work he was not able to do. In view of this he had lately asked M.W. the Grand Master to relieve him of his charge, which had been done, and that in his place Wor. Bro. Sir George Wolseley, a distinguished and experienced Mason, who was more capable of directing the work, had been appointed. At that Meeting the D.G.M. alluded to the presence of a distinguished visitor in their midst, namely, Bro. His Highness Raja Jagatjit Singh, Raja of Kapurthala, who had been specially nominated by M.W. the Grand Master, as a member of the "Prince of Wales Lodge" and whose illustrious father and uncle for many years were members of the Craft.

It may be here stated to the credit of Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C.F. Massy that though his period of his office was short, the general progress made by Masonry during his regime was commendable. The number of subscribing members had increased from 674 to 800, Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 (Dugshai) had been revived entirely through his efforts, the P.M.I. endowment fund had increased from Rs. 79,000 odd to Rs. 96,000, the number of children being educated by the P.M.I. had risen from 34 to 45, the District Grand Lodge building had been improved and the spirit of Freemasonry had imbedded itself strongly in the District.



## THE MILITARY INFLUENCE

WOLSELEY  
INSTALLED

At the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 11th March, 1896, Wor. Bro. Major General Sir George Benjamin Wolseley, K.C.B., A.D.C., General Commanding the Mianmir Division in the Punjab, was installed as the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of the Punjab. The ceremony of Installation was performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C.F. Massy. The new D.G.M. had, during his career as a Mason, filled many high and responsible offices in various District Grand Lodges and working Lodges in India, besides being the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Bengal. It was thus clear that the Punjab was destined to have a District Head who, by his rank and experience, was to bring great drive and zeal into his work. At the said Meeting the incoming D.G.M. paid a befitting tribute to the Past D.G.M. for the good work done by him during the three successful years he had ruled the District and captured the esteem of the Brethren, and called for a vote of thanks, which was unhesitatingly proffered.

No sooner had the new D.G.M. taken charge, that he departed on the eight months home leave to which he was entitled under the terms of his service. The District was, therefore, placed under the charge of Wor. Bro. the Revd. H.J. Spence Gray, D.D.G.M.

In June, 1896, the Grand Lodge authorised the District Grand Master of the Punjab to bestow two Past Ranks in his District in commemoration of the 21st Anniversary of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. Accordingly, the D.G.M. conferred the Past Rank of District Junior Grand Warden on Wor. Bros. Edgar Farrance, P.P.D.B. of G.P. and Charles E. Beresford, P.D.G.D. of C.

On 7th July, 1896, the new Lodge Rooms secured by Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394, Delhi, were formally opened. The Dedication Ceremony was most impressively rendered by Wor. Bro. H.T. Harris, Wor. Master, assisted by Bro. Rev. C. Swynnerton, District Grand Chaplain, who had been specially sent by the D.G.M. to represent the District Grand Lodge. Towards the conclusion of the ceremony, Wor. Bro. Harris delivered a very interesting oration on "Our Obligation." Congratulations from the District were tendered by the District Grand Chaplain, after which the ceremony was concluded with the Patriarchal Benediction. The Banquet was well attended and most enjoyable and the eloquence of the Wor. Master and Bros. Swynnerton and Hurley and the musical talents of Bros. Lake, Maiden, Kinnahan, Cundall, Hassenlopp and others contributed greatly to the happiness of the occasion.

On return from England, the new D.G.M. inspected no less than five Lodges within a month or so and carefully scrutinized the books, accounts and working of those Lodges.



In the same spirit, all minute matters affecting the working of the Lodges, compliance with the ancient land marks of the Order and the rules and regulations, etc., were taken up one by one by the D.G.M. and letters were addressed to the Craft Lodges pointing out their laxities and transgressions and calling for a special improvement of all matters touching the working of the Craft.

In March, 1897, Wor. Bro. General Sir E.H.H. Collen, K.C.I.E., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master. With two very senior members of the Army personnel holding the two highest offices in the District, immediate enthusiasm was generated in the ranks of the Brethren serving in the Army to rally round and serve their Lodges in the true Masonic spirit.

The year 1897 was disastrous, for the greater part of India was suffering from famine. In March, 1897, the District donated an appreciable sum to the Punjab Famine Relief Fund.

**DIFFICULT  
TIMES** The first half of 1897 was a difficult period for Masonry in the Punjab. A major portion of the Army was engaged in the Frontier Expeditions and with large absences of the Brethren serving in the Army from the Military stations, problems developed in almost all Lodges, with the exception perhaps of "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Jumna," "Quetta" and "Albert Victor." Even these Lodges were weak and somewhat hempered in their working by the absence of many of their members. Owing to the withdrawal of troops from Dagshai (Palampur), Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 had to temporarily close down. [The last member that joined this Lodge was in July, 1896. This Lodge ultimately went into abeyance and had to return its Warrant]. Last but not least, all the Lodges without exception were mourning the loss of many true and worthy Brethren who had lost their lives on the battle-fields in the North West Frontier. At the end of 1897 the number of subscribing members on the Roll of the District was down to 768.

In October, 1897, the M. W. Grand Master authorised the District Grand Master of the Punjab to bestow two Past District Grand Ranks to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Accordingly Wor. Bro. the Revd. A. H. Hildesley and the Rev. T. C. Shepherd were selected for appointment to the Past District Grand Rank of Senior Warden.

During the year the District received visits from two illustrious members, namely, Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Sir H. T. Prinsep (Kt.,) D.G.M. Bengal, and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. H. Sir Jagat Jit Singh, Raja-i-Rajgan, Chief of Kapurthala, Past Grand Warden of England.

**WOLSELEY  
RESIGNS** At the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 11th March, 1898, Wor. Bro. General Sir Collen was replaced by Wor. Bro. Lt.-General Sir A. Power-Palmer, K.C.B. as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab, in the new appointment of Officers made that year by the D.G.M. At this stage it might be



mentioned that Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut. Gen. Sir George Benjamin Wolseley, K.C.B., D.G.M., was shortly to lay down his command of the Punjab Army in favour of Wor. Bro. General Sir Power-Palmer and to enable his successor to eventually succeed him as the District Grand Master of the Punjab, this particular step was taken. At this Meeting, the D.G.M. officially declared the District Grand Lodge Library duly opened, and its books available to all subscribing members of Lodges in the Punjab District. (The "Whymper Memorial Library" is a part of the District Grand Lodge Library). Before closing the proceedings, the D.G.M. sorrowfully referred to the serious losses Masons had suffered by the recent Military operations in the North West Frontier and to the deplorable death in battle or by sickness of gallant Brethren including the Rt. Wor. Bro. General A.G. Yeatman-Biggs, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab and D.G.M. Bengal, and Bro. Maj. R.D. Jennings-Bramley. Accordingly, the D.G.M. placed the District Grand Lodge in mourning for a period of three months. At this meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. Colonel C. F. Massy in a very touching speech expressed the deep gratitude of the members for the manner in which the D.G.M. had governed the Punjab and inspected Lodges at great personal sacrifice to himself and wished him, on behalf of the District, safe return to his country, a long life and a happy return, if he so desired.

The above was the last occasion that Rt. Wor. Bro. Wolseley addressed the District from the Chair. Thus ended an active participation of this noble Brother with the District in which he had passed so many years, and which he had the honour to rule with great military drive and discipline. Wor. Bro. Wolseley had strengthened and consolidated all the Lodges by visiting them as frequently as he possibly could, by personal and written intercourse with their Rulers and by giving admonition, where it was necessary, and praise and encouragement, where the same was merited. The number of subscribing members at the end of December, 1898, was 788; an increase of 20 over the previous year. Wor. Bro. Wolseley never strove to increase the number of Lodges; he considered it wrong to start new Lodges without there being strong grounds for believing that they were likely to work and prosper. He was more concerned with strengthening and consolidating the existing Lodges in the District, which he did with notable distinction. Last but not the least, Wor. Bro. Wolseley believed in distributing his offices to those most deserving that distinction and the appointments made by him, during his tenure, bore ample testimony to that principle.

In December, 1898, the sad news of the death of the Rt. Hon'ble The Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Most Wor. Pro. Grand Master, was received in the District. The District Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges in the District were placed in Masonic mourning for a period of six months.

At a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Murree, under the Banner of Lodge 'Stewart' No. 1960 on 29th June, 1899, Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Power-Palmer, K. C. B., General Commanding the Punjab Forces, was invested and installed as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. The ceremony of Installation was performed by the Acting District Grand Master, Very Wor. Bro. Revd. Spence-Gray, M.A., P.D.D.G.M., Punjab,

**POWER-PALMER  
INSTALLED**



and Past Grand Chaplain of England. This was the first occasion that a District Grand Master was installed at the hill station of Murree. The attendance was not very large, as would have been the case had the Installation been held at the other hill station at Simla (the Provincial Government's summer capital). At that Meeting the District Grand Secretary read the farewell address to Rt. Wor. Bro Gen. Sir George Benjamin Wolseley, K.C.B., Immediate Past D.G.M., in view of his personal absence from and inability to attend that Meeting.

In December, 1899, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab authorised the Worshipful Master of "Triune Brotherhood" No. 2121 at Kasauli to take charge of the building and Warrant, etc., of Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 (at Dugshai) as that Lodge had become extinct by protracted abeyance. The number of working Lodges in the District was thus reduced to 19. Lodge "Excelsior" No. 1722 was also removed from the Roll of the Grand Lodge in 1899.

Towards the middle of the year, steps were taken to revive THE EXCELSIOR LODGE, Dagshai, and an application, sponsored by Brethren of Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" No. 2121, was made for the grant of a new Warrant. The new Warrant bearing No. 2832 was granted on 2nd October, 1900, and the Lodge was constituted anew on 27th December, 1900, with Wor. Bro. F. Smailes as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were F. Smailes, W. J. Todd, W. C. Simpson, W. Tucker, H. F. Lea, G. L. Rao Bahadur and J. Trueman.

In December, 1900, Bro. His Highness the Maharaja Ranbir Singh, Chief of Jind, presented, through his Lodge "Hope and Perseverance", an Organ to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. The said instrument was installed in the Temple and a vote of thanks to His Highness and to Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 was passed at the Annual Festival Meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 27th December, 1900.

In January, 1901, the death of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen Empress Victoria, Patroness of the Masonic Order, placed the whole of the British nation **QUEEN VICTORIA** and its Colonies and Dependencies in deep grief. This said news was **PASSES AWAY** received with deep sorrow by the Punjab Masonic District. At a Special Meeting of the District in February, 1901, a resolution mourning the grave loss sustained by the Fraternity in the death of one who had sympathised with the aims and objects of the Masonic Order was proposed and carried unanimously. The District Grand Lodge also tendered, through the Grand Lodge of England, its condolence to His Majesty the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the irreparable loss sustained by him and the Royal family. All the Lodges in the District were placed in mourning till further orders.

On 6th March, 1901, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., was elected M.W. the Grand Master and duly installed in that office on 17th July, 1901. The Duke filled the office left vacant consequent on King Edward VII's Accession to the Throne and becoming the Protector of the Order.



In the first quarter of 1901 Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Arthur Power-Palmer, D.G.M., was appointed as Commander-in-Chief of India. The congratulations of the District were conveyed to this noble Brother at the District Grand Lodge Meeting held in April 1901. In a military sense, the General deserved that high position. Few had seen more active service, commencing with the Indian Mutiny in 1857 in which he had served in the Hodson's Horse and ending with the Tirah Campaign of 1897-98.

Towards the middle of 1901 a new Lodge was added to the District, namely, THE LODGE GREY No. 2844 (Warranted on 14th March, 1901) at Dharamsala. Wor. Bro. Arthur Grey was its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bro. Arthur Grey, Bro. J.F. Lee, Bro. Sukh Dial, Bro. Alfred Bowling, Bro. George Welch, Bro. Sunder Das and Bro. Charles Grey. This Lodge was constituted so as to work in Dharamsala in the summer and Palampur in the winter and for a time it worked accordingly. (Its By-Laws declared that "every member residing in the Kangra Valley, Kullu Valley, on the Railway as far as Amritsar exclusive and from Hoshiarpur to Chamba State in the other direction shall be considered as present and subscribing on the Lodge Fund until he intimates his desire, in writing, to resign the Lodge.")

In June, 1901, the District Grand Master of the Punjab issued an appeal for funds to all the Brethren in the District to provide a Peal of Bells to the Lahore Cathedral Church of the Resurrection in Memory of the late Queen Empress Victoria; the Bells to be engraved with the Arms of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. The said Bells were presented later by the District to the Church.

The progress of Masonry in the District in 1899, 1900, and 1901 was more than satisfactory. The number of subscribing members at the end of these three years was 838, 897 and 966 respectively. By the end of 1901 the number of working Lodges on the Roll of the District was 21.

In September, 1901, Wor. Bro. William Bull died at Simla, thus ending a long and distinguished Masonic career, the last thirteen years of which he spent as District Grand Secretary. As a mark of respect to this worthy and distinguished Brother, the District Grand Lodge and all Lodges thereunder were placed in Masonic mourning for three months, beginning 11th September, 1901. At the District Meeting held at Lahore, on 27th December, 1901, a vote of sympathy and deep regret, was passed in memory of this Brother, after the D.D.G.M. in the Chair referred in a short address to the glowing qualities the deceased had possessed. At that Meeting, it was decided to erect a tombstone in the cemetery at Simla where this Brother's remains were interned and to fix a tablet in the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection at Lahore to perpetuate his memory.

Referring to the progress in the District, at the Spring Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 31st March, 1902, the D.D.G.M. in the  
1000 STRONG      Chair stated that the number of Brethren on the Roll of the District had risen during the last few years from 600 to 1000 and that the same



was still increasing. As regards the state of the Lodges, the D.D.G.M. pointed out that:

"The Lodges, with one or two exceptions, are in a highly flourishing condition, and the Ruler of the Craft may justly be fully proud of his Lodges and of our great charity, the P.M.L., which is meeting all the demands made upon it nobly, and has a firm foundation in its Trust Funds."

Here it may be stated that the number of members on the Roll of the District as on 31st December, 1901, was 966 and that by the first Quarterly Meeting of the District held in March, 1902, the number had crossed the 1000 mark. As if this was not sufficient evidence of progress, the number shot up to 1074 on 30th June, 1902; thus showing an increase of 108 members during the first half of 1902.

In early 1902, the necessity of a second Craft Lodge under the English Constitution became acutely felt amongst the Brethren in Quetta. Accordingly, on 6th February, 1902, a petition signed by Bro. Maj. A.H. McMahon, C.S.I., C.I.E., and ten other Brethren was submitted to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab for a Warrant for a Lodge to be named THE PALMER LODGE, after Rt. Wor. Bro. H.E. Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, C-in-C, India, and District Grand Master of the Punjab. The names of the founder members, which stand recorded in the Warrant, are: A.H. McMahon, J.M.S. Mathews, A. McKinley, R.C. Palmer, N.B. Muncherjee, A.E. Dickson and C.F. Clarke. The Warrant No. 2947 was granted on 15th December, 1902, by the Grand Lodge, but Lodge "Palmer" never took birth at all. [Bro. A.H. McMahon, its W.M. designate, left Quetta for Seistan Arbitration Commission when the Warrant was received and he did not return until the summer of 1905, when he proceeded on home leave. When he did return to India, he was placed in charge of H.M. the Amir of Afghanistan's tour of India. Many of the founder members had by then left the station and there being no prospect of opening the Lodge, Lodge "Palmer" was struck off the Roll of the District in the middle of 1905 and was erased from the roll of the Grand Lodge on 3rd June, 1908].

In April, 1902, the District Grand Secretary received a circular from the Grand Secretary, England, authorising the District Grand Master to confer Past District Grand Ranks on a limited number of Brethren in the District in commemoration of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn as Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Accordingly, in April, 1902, Wor. Bro. W.J. Gill and Wor. Bro. C. Cursetji were selected by the D.G.M. for appointment to the Past Rank of District Junior Grand Warden.

Similarly, in August, 1902, another communication was received with regard to the conferment of Past Ranks in connection with the commemoration of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. In furtherance of this authority, the D.G.M. selected Wor. Bro. W. Mitchell and Wor. Bro. Lt. A. Anderson, for appointment to the Past Rank of District Junior Grand Warden.



By the middle of 1902, arrangements were well under way at Delhi in connection with the intended Coronation Darbar. At the Autumnal Meeting of the District in Simla on 8th September, it was decided to place the District Grand Secretary in communication with the Military Secretary to H. E. The Viceroy in order to enable him to ascertain what particular night could be made available for a Masonic function, and then to communicate with Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394 at Delhi to finalise arrangements there.

At the above Meeting, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. E. General Sir Arthur Power-Palmer, K.C.B., G.C.I.E., D.G.M., intimated for the first time that he had placed his resignation with M.W. the Grand Master, as he was shortly leaving the country for good.

POWER-PALMER  
RESIGNS

In October, 1902, a letter received from the Wor. Master, Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394 at Delhi and other connected communications on the subject of holding a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Delhi, when a large number of eminent Brethren beside the M.W. the Grand Master would be present there during the Durbar Week, were discussed. It was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the District at Delhi on 7th January, 1903, this being the date stated by the Military Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy as being most appropriate for the District Grand Lodge Meeting.

At the Festival Meeting in December, 1902, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair referred to the appointment of Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief of India, as D.G.M. of the Punjab and as a matter upon which the Fraternity could well congratulate itself. At that Meeting it was also resolved to send a telegram from the District Grand Lodge to H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Most Worshipful the Grand Master who was then in India, welcoming him to the Punjab. Arrangements were also begun in earnest for the Installation of the new D.G.M. at Delhi on 7th January, 1903.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught entered Delhi in State on 29th December, 1902, and the Delhi Durbar was officially opened on 1st January, 1903. Delhi wore a festive appearance and the pageantry accompanying the various functions reminded one of the past when grand functions were held under the Moghul Kings. Almost all the high officials of the British Government—of any consequence—had made Delhi their Mecca and this accounted for the cream of Masonic Fraternity being present there. At this stage, a few words about His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., M.W. the Grand Master, will not be out of place. His Royal Highness was no stranger, either in India or in the Punjab. He had, in days gone by, been intimately connected with Masonry both as District Grand Master of Bombay and as a Member of Lodge "Stewart" at Rawalpindi. In 1892 he had visited the Punjab and during his stay at Mianmir, while on a tour of duty, had received the greetings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab.

THE DELHI  
DURBAR



**KITCHENER  
INSTALLED**

The Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge that was held at Delhi under the Banner of Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394 on 7th January, 1903, was therefore not one of the usual affairs. In keeping with the mammoth pageantry of the Durbar Week, the Special Meeting of the District was arranged at the Town Hall (which was lavishly decorated) to accommodate about 450 Masons who were gathered to witness the Installation of Wor. Bro. the Rt. Hon'ble H.E. General Herbert Horatio Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum and of the Vaal in the Colony of the Transvaal, and of Aspoll in the County of Suffolk, K.C.B., O.M., G.C.M.G., P.G.W. England, P.D.G.M. Egypt and the Sudan, as the District Grand Master. The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., was present at the Meeting and personally installed Rt. Wor. Bro. Viscount Kitchener, as the District Grand Master. This Special Meeting of the District was attended by a large cross section of members from the English and Scottish Constitution Lodges functioning in the United Kingdom, India and the United States of America. Amongst some very special visitors, the following were present:

- Most Wor. The Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., &c.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. The Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks Beach, (M.P.) Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Henry Thoby Prinsep, (Kt.) District Grand Master of Bengal.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. His Excellency The Right Honourable Lord Ampthill, (G.C.I.E.) District Grand Master of Madras.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. Sir George Moore, (C.I.E.) Past District Grand Master of Madras.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Gordon Gilmour, (C.B., D.S.O.) Provincial Grand Master, Midlothian (S.C.).
- Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir M.M. Bhownaggrie, (M.P.) Past Deputy Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. General J.H.S. Craigie, Grand Warden of All Scottish Freemasonry in India.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir George Wolseley, (K.C.B.) Past District Grand Master, Punjab.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. The Earl of Dartrey, Past Grand Warden of England.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. His Highness The Maharaja of Cooch Bihar, (G.C.I.E.) Past Grand Warden of England.
- Rt. Wor. Bro. His Highness The Raja of Kapurthalla, Past Grand Warden of England.
- Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Mr. J. Parkinson, (M.P.) Past Grand Deacon of England, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex



Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble John Tate, Past Grand Deacon of England, and Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay.

Wor. Bro. H.M. Rustomjee, (C.I.E.) Past Grand Deacon of England, and District Grand Secretary, Bengal.

By the end of 1903, a second Lodge at Simla was formed and named after the D.G.M. of the District, namely, THE KITCHENER LODGE No. 2998, with Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. Johnston Shearer, D.S.O., I.M.S., as its first Master. Though Warranted on 25th August, 1903, this Lodge was Consecrated on 27th November, 1903. Sponsored by Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood," "The Kitchener Lodge" had 20 founder members including General the Rt. Hon. Viscount Kitchener, D.G.M. of the Punjab. The first By-Laws of the Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 1st August, 1904, approved by the District Grand Master on 24th September, 1904, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 17th October, 1904. The founder members of this Lodge were General Rt. Hon. Viscount Kitchener, G.C.S.I., etc., Capt. W.P. Alexander, Maj. N.S. Bertie-Clay, Maj. M. Cowper, C.I.E., Capt. H.H.H. Dowding, E.V. Gabriel, C.S.I., Maj. P. Holland-Pryor, Capt. H.J. Marcoolyn, Maj. J. McDermott, Maj. L.T. Nash, Maj. C.G. Parsons, Col. F.S. Lanyon Penno, Maj. F. Rennick, H.A. Rose, Lt. Col. A. E. Sandbach, D.S.O., Lt. Col. J. Shearer, C.B., D.S.O., Capt. The Earl of Suffolk, Maj. W.C. Walton, Maj. A.W. Warden and Lt. Col. W.J.R. Wickham, C.B.

On 23rd November, 1903, Wor. Bro. Dr. Brij Lal Ghosh, P.D.D.G.M., breathed his last at Lahore. The sad event cast a gloom over the whole Masonic District. The D.G.M. immediately placed the District Grand Lodge and all Lodges thereunder in Masonic mourning for three months from 1st December, 1903. At the Annual Festival Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 26th December, 1903, a resolution was passed recording the deep sense of loss that had been sustained by the District by the death of this noble Brother who was an old and tried Mason of 28 years standing, who had been the Treasurer of the District for 19 years and whose private life had endeared him to all who had come in contact with him.

In March, 1904, the sad news of the death in England of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Arthur Power-Palmer, Past District Grand Master of the Punjab, was received. All Lodges in the District were placed in mourning for a period of three months with effect from 1st April, 1904. At the District Meeting at Simla in April, 1904, the D.G.M. paid appropriate tribute to that great Mason who, by his great zeal and energy, had improved the District during his tenure of office.

At the above Meeting, Rt. Wor. Bro His Excellency Lord Amphill, District Grand Master of Madras, was present and was received and greeted with the honours due to his high rank. Lord Amphill was in Simla on official duty and his presence in the District for some length of time and interest in the Craft gave an added impetus to Masonry in the Punjab, a fact which the D.G.M. could not avoid noting in his remarks at the next Meeting of the District held at Simla on 12th September, 1904.



In the third quarter of 1904, a new Lodge, THE TAKHT-I-SULIMAN LODGE No. 3043 took birth in Kashmir. The Lodge was Consecrated at Srinagar on 24th September, 1904, and Wor. Bro. W. Mitchell was installed as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bros W. Mitchell, Nawab Dhanjibhoy Fakirjee Camadore, C.I.E., Hon. Sir D.P. Mason Kt., F. Drieson, James Brown and Thornhill and Bros. R. Mukerji, F.S. D'Silva, A.F. Shute and Byramjee Ruttonji. The petition of this new Lodge was recommended by Lodge "Light in the Himalayas". The Warrant of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge on 20th April, 1904.

Thus by the end of 1904, Masonry had progressed well in the District; the number of Lodges being 24 and the number of subscribing members at the end of that year being 1203.

In early 1905, a disastrous calamity befell the Punjab. A violent earthquake on 4th April, 1905, affected the Northern Regions of India, seriously destroying property and taking a heavy toll of life. The Freemasons' Hall at Lahore was severely damaged and the building housing the Temple at Dharamsala was totally destroyed. The Wor. Master of Lodge "Grey" just escaped with severe injuries. At the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998, on 29th April, 1905, the D.J.G.W. in the Chair, referred to the great damage caused by the earthquake in the Punjab and addressed an appeal to all Lodges and Brethren in the District to raise a fund for the assistance of Masons in the District who had suffered from that earthquake. The District Grand Lodge agreed to head the List with a Donation of Rs. 1,000 from the Fund of Benevolence. The D.J.G.W. in the Chair also referred to the damage that had been caused to the Freemasons' Hall at Lahore by the earthquake and the utter collapse of the Masonic Temple in Dharamsala, and informed the Brethren that Lodge "Grey" No. 2844, had in consequence ceased working and that Brethren of Dharamsala and the adjoining valleys were sorely hit. Lodge "Grey" became paralysed and had to close down. As a result, the name of this Lodge was struck off from the Roll of the District in 1905 and erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge in 1906.

In December, 1905, the news of the sad deaths of Very Wor. Bro. the Ven'ble H.J. Spence Gray and Major W.P. Carson, Past Deputy District Grand Masters, was received in the District. All the Lodges in the Punjab were placed in mourning for a period of three months from 1st January, 1906. At the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 27th December, 1905, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair, in a brief encomium to these two distinguished Brothers, referred to their high qualities and to the serious loss the District had suffered by their deaths.

The District Grand Lodge met for the first time in the re-constructed Temple on 7th April, 1906. Referring to the progress of Masonry in general, the D.D.G.M. reported that he had great pleasure to state that Masonry had flourished in the Punjab and that from statistical figures before him, the ratio of increase in the number of subscribing members had shown an improvement. The D.D.G.M. also pointed out that the increase



in the past year had by far been the most satisfactory in the history of the Craft and for this happy state of affairs he congratulated the Wor. Masters, Wardens and Members of various Lodges who had zealously worked hard in that respect. Turning to other matters, the D.D.G.M. reported that a sum of Rs. 6,000 had been collected towards the Earthquake Relief Fund, which had been distributed among Brethren or their families who had suffered losses in the earthquake.

As some compensation for the closing down of Lodge "Grey," the year 1907 saw the addition of two new Lodges. "The Derajat Lodge" No. 3206 was constituted at Dera Ismail Khan and "The Cabul River Lodge" No. 3225 at Nowshera.

**PROGRESS IN THE FRONTIER** THE DERAJAT LODGE No. 3206 was Consecrated at the Club House, Dera Ismail Khan in the North West Frontier Province on 21st February, 1907, and Wor. Bro. Col. Johnston Shearer was installed as its first Master. Wor. Bro. Bailey, Pr. s. B. of G.P., who was assisted by a team of District Grand Lodge Officers, consecrated the Lodge. Warranted on 8th December 1906, the petition for this Lodge was recommended by Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782. The founder members of "The Derajat Lodge" No. 3206 were Johnston Shearer, Lionel Charles Dunsterville, John Liesching Grinlinton, Herbert Vaughan Cox, Arthur Ditmas Cox, Thomas McKee, Arthur Edmond Tyler and William Francis Ellis. The very first initiate proposed at the Inaugural Meeting was Maj. George Fletcher MacMunn, who was later to become the District Grand Master. The very first Senior Warden, Maj. L.C. Dunsterville (afterward Maj.-Genl. Dunsterville) was the "Stalky" of the Late Bro. Rudyard Kipling's "Stalky & Co." The By-Laws of this Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 10th December, 1907, approved by the D.G.M. on 13th May, 1908, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 30th May, 1908.

THE CABUL RIVER LODGE No. 3225 was Consecrated by Wor. Bro. Col. M. Cowper at the Military station of Peshawar (in the North West Frontier Province) on 10th May, 1907, and Bro. Lt. Col. George Murray was installed as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by Lodge "Khyber" No. 582, Peshawar. The founder members were Lt. Col. George Murray, G.W. Gilbertson, Lt. C.K.C. Stuart, Capt. F.S. Walker, Maj. A.W. Chaldecott, Lt. Col. V.B. Fane, Maj. H.J.K. Bamfield, W.G. Harvey, W.G. Booth, C.T. Bandmaster, L. Walker, E.W. Hocken, H.C. Crosse, C.J.M. Hockins, W.G.C. Harling and S.N. Baker. The majority of these Brethren were from Nowshera. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge on 25th February, 1907. The first By-Laws of this Lodge were approved by the D.G.M. on 4th May, 1908, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 25th May, 1908. This Lodge met temporarily at the Freemasons' Hall, Peshawar, but from 14th October, 1908, held its Meetings in its own premises at Nowshera, the station for which the Warrant was granted.

In March, 1907, a message was received from His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, sending fraternal greetings and expressing great satisfaction with the progress of Masonry in the Punjab. This was a befitting tribute



to the zeal and industry of Rt. Wor. Bro. His Excellency Viscount Kitchener the D.G.M., under whose charge the District was showing great progress.

In the middle of 1907 vigorous steps were taken by the Quetta Brethren to found a second English Lodge. As one will recollect, an earlier attempt in 1902 to found Lodge "Palmer", had not met with success due to certain unfortunate circumstances. The matter having been revived in 1907, a Meeting of the Brethren was held at the Residency at Quetta on the 28th July, 1907, and it was proposed to start a Lodge named "The McMahon Lodge" with Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Major Sir Henry McMahon, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Agent to the Governor-General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan, as its first Master. The petition, which was sponsored by Lodge "Quetta" No. 2333, was forwarded to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab on 4th August, 1907. The petitioning Brethren were the Hon'ble Major Sir Henry McMahon, Lt.Col. C. W. Jacob, K.B. B.D. Patel, Capt. R. Cubbon, J.J. Rowe, N. B. Muncherjee, A. Anderson, Sergt-Major W. N. Hyde, W. T. Inward, Capt. B. T. Ready, Capt. G. Chartris and Col. W. J. R. Wickham. The Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge on 28th October, 1907. Under instructions from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, Wor. Bro. Col. W.J.R. Wickham, P. D. S. G. W., with the assistance of Bro. Rev. J. Shaw constituted and Consecrated THE McMAHON LODGE No. 3262 on 12th March, 1908, and installed Wor. Bro. The Hon. Col. Sir Henry McMahon as its first Master. There were over 60 Brethren belonging to various Lodges present at the Consecration ceremony. The distinguishing features of this new Lodge were that all the 12 founder members were Wor. Masters or Past Masters, and that the three Principal Officers of the new Lodge were holding responsible offices in the Scottish Lodge "Bolan" No. 691 S. C. in Quetta. The first By-Laws of this Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 9th April, 1908, approved by the D.G.M. on 14th May, 1908, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 1st June, 1908.

Reporting on the progress of Masonry in the District at the Regular Meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Rawalpindi, under the Banner of Lodge "Stewart" No. 1960, on 11th April, 1908, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair, pointed out that Masonry was flourishing and that there was an "increased keenness for proficiency and efficiency and a desire to brighten up the working of the Lodges in many directions."

The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District at the end of 1907 was 24, showing an increase of 2 over the previous year. The number of subscribing members as at the end of 1907 and 1908 was 1463 and 1541 respectively, showing a progressive increase.

In December, 1908, Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Sir Henry McMahon, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., was appointed and invested with the office of District Senior Grand Warden, an office somewhat in-keeping with the high honours conferred upon him by the Scottish Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Sir D.P. Masson, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair, paid a tribute to Wor. Bro. McMahon for having converted Lodge "McMahon" No. 3262 from a comparatively small Lodge into one having a strong membership of 45. Wor. Bro. McMahon was



also a member of Lodge "Bolan" (S.C.) at Quetta and had worked hard to improve that Lodge, for which he had been conferred high honours by the Scottish Grand Lodge.

In retrospect, the last two-three years were noteworthy for the increase in vitality of Masonry in the North West Frontier Province. Lodge "Khyber" at Peshawar had done wonderfully well and the two new Lodges "Cabul River" at Nowshera and "McMahon" at Quetta had added fresh blood. Significantly, Lodges in the Frontier were governed and guided by such distinguished and energetic men as Wor. Bros. Sir Henry McMahon and Sir George Roos-Keppel and if one is even remotely familiar with the distinguished careers of these two Brothers in the field of Political and Public Administration in the Frontier, one can well imagine the great impact the presence of these persons had in the field of Masonry.

In early 1909, steps were under way to form a new Lodge at Dunga Gali in the North West Frontier Province; Dunga Gali being one of the summer recess stations specially set aside for the British troops posted in the North West Frontier. The new Lodge was named after the distinguished Wor. Bro. Sir George Olaf Roos-Keppel. The petition for this Lodge, which was recommended by Lodge "Khyber" No. 582, was signed by Sir George Olaf Roos-Keppel, K.C.I.E., Col. W.J.D. Dundee, C.I.E., K.B. Nawab Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore, C.I.E., Sub-Cond. F. Slade, Lt. W.G. Harvey, Lt. H.G. Booth, F.E. Rague, K.B. Sahibzada Abdul Qaiyum, C.I.E., Cond., G.W. Gilbertson, A.G. Lincoln, Capt. W.L. Campbell, E. Penn-David, W.J. Lyttle, W.C. Harrison, W. G. Harding and Sunder Singh. THE ROOS-KEPPEL LODGE No. 3374 started working in the second half of 1909 and Wor. Bro. Sir George O. Roos-Keppel was installed as its first Master. The Warrant of this Lodge which was granted on 5th May, 1909, permitted this Lodge to work at two stations—Dunga Gali and Peshawar. The first By-Laws passed by this Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 25th November, 1909, and by M.W. the Grand Master on 20th January, 1910. These By-Laws provided for four Regular Meetings in the summer months (June to September) at the Masonic Room at Dunga Gali and eight Regular Meetings in the remaining months (October to May) at the Masonic Hall, Peshawar.

NEW TEMPLE  
AT QUETTA

In the first half of 1909 the new Freemasons' Hall at Quetta was formally opened and dedicated. The new edifice was one which had no equal in design, beauty, and workmanship and the woodwork inside was one of delicate and master craftsmanship. The architect of the structure was Rai Sahib Basant Singh, who also supervised the construction, but the Hon'ble Sir Henry McMahon contributed largely in suggesting necessary changes and improvements. Bro. Capt. Dunlop acted as the Secretary and Treasurer of the funds, which included roughly Rs. 60,000 raised in debentures. Over two hundred Brethren, chiefly from Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Lahore and Rawalpindi graced the ceremony, which was performed with the usual skill and marked ability by The Hon'ble Sir Henry McMahon, who represented the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. The Banquet was attended by forty guests, in addition to the Brethren, where a silver bowl and salver were



presented to Sir Henry McMahon by Wor. Bro. Muncherjee, P. M. of Lodge "Bolan" (S.C.), in token of Sir Henry's valuable work as Master. In presenting the souvenir, Wor. Bro. Muncherjee dwelt on the noble qualities of Sir Henry McMahon as a Freemason, the great work he had done in the interest of the Craft and the keen zeal he had taken in the new Masonic Hall that was built, the inception and existence of which was entirely due to him. An interesting account of this ceremony appears in the July issue of "The Indian Freemason and Monthly Miscellany" for the year 1909.

**O'MOORE  
CREAGH  
INSTALLED**

On 21st October, 1909, Wor. Bro. Gen. Sir O' Moore Creagh was invested and installed as the District Grand Master of the Punjab at a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998. Unfortunately, the Minutes of the proceedings of this Meeting are missing from the District Library in Lahore and the Grand Lodge Library in London. In these circumstances, the name of the Installing Officer and other details of this Meeting cannot be given.

In December, 1909, Wor. Bro. Sir A.H. McMahon formally moved a request on behalf of the Lodge working at Lahore under the Scottish Constitution, for grant of permission to hold its Meetings in the Masonic Temple at Lahore, on the same terms as the other English Constitution Lodges using the Temple. In March, 1910, the District Board of General Purposes, at its Regular Meetings duly accorded approval to that request. The permission was granted on the same terms and conditions as were admissible to Lodges "Hope and Perseverance" and "Industry" working at Lahore. Thus, new avenues of concord were opened between the Lodges under the two sister Constitutions to exist and flourish at Lahore under the same roof.

**PROTECTOR OF  
THE CRAFT  
PASSES AWAY**

In May, 1910, the news of the death of His Gracious Majesty Edward VII, King Emperor and Protector of the Craft, was received with sorrow in the District. His Gracious Majesty had been for over two decades the Most Wor. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and then, on ascending the Throne, the Protector of the Craft. With the intimate association of so noble a person, Masonry had gained considerably in prestige and influence all over the British Empire. His death was therefore a great loss to Masonry. Under the orders of the D.G.M., all Lodges were placed in mourning from 9th May, 1910, till further orders.

On 12th September, 1910, Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir O'Moore Creagh presided over the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Kitchener," the first after his assumption of charge of the District some eleven months back. The D.G.M. reported satisfactory progress made by Masonry during the half year ended 1909 and pointed out that membership had advanced from 1667 to 1727. Whilst referring to the appreciable amount of ceremonial work done and the new joinings, the D.G.M. referred with sorrow to the large number of resignations, due largely to the movement of troops, which had partially offset the good work. Whilst concluding his address,



the D.G.M. drew the attention of the Masters of the Lodges and also of the Brethren to the necessity of carefully enquiring into the character of candidates put up for admission and to the collection of Lodge dues promptly and effectively to obviate exclusions.

At the Meeting of the District on 15th April, 1911, Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble H.P. Burt, D.D.G.M. in the Chair, referred to the satisfactory amount of work that had been done in the District and the advance of Masonry in general. The number on the Roll showed a slight decrease during the second half of 1910, but taking the year as a whole, there had been an increase of 30 members notwithstanding 374 resignations due to the movements of troops and the exigencies of service.

In 1911, great gaps occurred in the Roll of the District by the hand of death in the loss of Wor. Bro. General Sir Edwin Collen and Nawab Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore, two Past Deputy District Grand Masters, and Wor. Bro. Bridges and Khan Bahadur Rabbani, Past District Grand Treasurers.

The September Meeting was presided over by Rt. Wor. Bro. H.E. General Sir O'Moore Creagh with his three senior officers, namely, Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Mr. H.P. Burt, C.I.E., D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Col. Sir A.H. McMahon, P.G.D. of England, P.D.G.W. and Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Surgn-Genl. C.P. Lukis, P.D.G.W. Bengal. Amongst notable visitors, Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Mr. F.E. Dempster, P.D.G. Registr. Bengal, and Rt. Wor. Bro F. Noel Paton, G.S. of Scottish Freemasonry in Eastern India, were present.

Before the end of the year, the D.G.M. found himself involved in duties connected with Their Imperial Majesties' impending visit to Calcutta and had to move to that station in connection with his new assignment. The D.G.M. had just been released from the heavy duties and responsibilities connected with the Imperial Darbar at Delhi in his capacity as the Head of the Army in India. The District was, therefore, under the charge of Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir H.P. Burt, D.D.G.M.

In December 1911, the rank of Past District Senior Grand Warden was conferred on Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston, the District Grand Secretary. Wor. Bro D.E. Johnston had been acting as the District Grand Secretary since 1901. There was absolutely no question that Wor. Bro. D.E. Johnston would long ago have received the rank which had then been conferred on him but for the fact that the District could not do without him as its Secretary and hence had deprived him of that honour which should have fallen to him earlier.

The year 1911 showed marked progress; Masonry having prospered well. The number of subscribing members on the Roll at the end of that year was 1715, showing a small decline over the previous year. Referring to this slight drop, Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Sir H.P. Burt, D.D.G.M., in the Meeting of the District at Lahore, on 27th March, 1912, stated that the District should be less concerned about its number than about the quality of its recruits and advised that it was the bounden duty of every Mason to be circumspect



about the eligibility of those whom he introduced into the Lodges as candidates to Masonry; and further pointed out that the dignity of the Order was in all matters, the important watch-word.

By the end of 1911, the Fraternity at Rawalpindi had constructed a beautiful Masonic Temple in the Cantonment area. The magnificent edifice was one about which the Masonic Fraternity could well feel proud. On 6th June, 1911, that great and noble veteran of the North, Wor. Bro. Nawab Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore, C.I.E., P.D.D.G.M., who had earlier gifted the site of the Temple to the Fraternity, had laid the Corner Stone of the new Temple. On 10th February, 1912, Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir H.P. Burt, D.D.G.M., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of Masons, consecrated that Temple.

By the end of 1912, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. Arthur Grey, C.I.E., retired from the country for good. Before his departure, the D.G.M. conferred on him the Past rank of Deputy District Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Grey had taken a very prominent part in Masonry in the District; he had been Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch and the District Grand Master of Mark Masonry. He had been a source of great assistance to the District with his counsel and advice, by his experience as a member of the legal fraternity and by his great knowledge of Freemasonry.

The year 1912 did not produce great changes or results, but in any case, that year was not uneventful. Only two Meetings of the District were held that year, namely, on 27th March and 9th September, 1912. The usual December Meeting was abandoned for the reason that with so many other engagements crowded into the Xmas week, the attendance at the District gatherings had become so poor in the past few years as to detract from their dignity and importance. The By-laws were amended to provide for only two Regular Meetings in each year, namely, the Spring and the Autumn Meeting. The September Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, and was presided by the D.G.M. in person. At that Meeting, a few Representatives from the District Grand Lodges of Burma and Bengal, the Grand Lodge of A.S.F.I., the Provincial Grand Lodge of Connaught and the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia), were present.

The number of members on the Roll of the District on 31st December, 1912, was 1719. Though that was not an appreciable increase in membership, the standard of working had considerably improved in keeping with the aim and endeavour of the District to see that all recruits were up to the standard demanded by the Order. The Lodges paramount in their strength of membership, in order of merit, were "Kitchener," "Khyber," "Stewart" and "Himalayan Brotherhood."

At the Autumnal Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Simla on 8th September, 1913, the D.G.M. disclosed the news of his impending retirement as the District Head and intimated that that was probably the last communication of the District Grand Lodge, he would be attending. The D.G.M. acknowledged gratefully his indebtedness to all officers of the District

O'MOORE  
CREAGH  
RETIRES



Grand Lodge, past and present, and to all the Lodges in the District for the loyal support that he and his Deputy had all along received during the period of four years that he had been the reigning D.G.M. and pointed out that as a result of their assistance Masonry had steadily prospered. The D.G.M. also tendered his warmest thanks to Wor. Bros. Colonel Henry Pease and Sir Henry Burt, his esteemed Deputies, for the labours they had so willingly borne during the time that his official work had prevented him from devoting all his energies to his Masonic duties.

In 1913 an application was made for the grant of a Warrant for a Lodge at Gwalior to be opened under the same name; the sponsoring Lodge being "Kitchener" No. 2998. A special request was made by the signatories to the petition for the new Lodge to be placed under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Master of the Punjab considering that the State of Gwalior was not in the Punjab but some 150 miles south-east of the Province. The consent and concurrence of Rt. Wor. the District Grand Master of Bengal being obtained, the new Lodge was placed within the Punjab District. The Warrant of THE LODGE GWALIOR No. 3681 was granted on 17th July, 1913, and this Lodge was Consecrated on 22nd November, 1913. The Consecration Ceremony was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Henry Parsall Burt, D.D.G.M., Punjab, and the District Grand Lodge delegation that attended the function included six other District Grand Lodge Officers. Wor. Bro. W.E. Jardine, C.I.E., I.C.S., was installed as the first Master of this Lodge. The founder members of "The Lodge Gwalior" No. 3681 were W.E. Jardine, I.C.S., C.A. Barron, I.C.S., H.R. Neville, I.C.S., R.E. Holland, I.C.S., Maj. W.P. Alexander, S.B.A. Patterson, G.G. Hooper, G.J.M. Hamilton, H.M. Bull, H.F. Saunders, R.W. McClay, D.C. Banerjee, G.P. Stawrides, Sahibzada Sultan Ahmad Khan, Abdul Karim Khan, L.W. Reynolds, I.C.S., Maj. F.A. Smith, G.G. Brown and Rao Bahadur Madho Rao Vinayak Kibe. The first By-Laws passed by this Lodge were approved by the D.G.M. on 30th March, 1914, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 27th April, 1914. These By-Laws provided for only four Regular Meetings at Kampu Kothi, Lashkar (Gwalior State) in the months of October, December, February and April.

The period 1896-1913 is significant in many ways. Four Generals (included in which were three Commanders-in-Chief) ruled the District during this period "with Military finesse and discipline," resulting in marked progress in every direction. Six new Lodges were added, of which "Gwalior" in the State of Gwalior, though outside the normal jurisdiction of the Punjab District was specially placed within the District. The tone and health of the Lodges was superb and their working was at "precision" level. The internal working and management of the District and its co-ordination with other Lodges, was streamlined and more effective. The membership of the District showed an increase from about 800 to over 1700 subscribing Brethren. And, last but not the least, Lodges were now disciplined to accept only good human material and to exclude undesirable persons securing admission into the institution.



## THE WAR YEARS

### H. P. BURT INSTALLED

The Warrant from Most Wor. the Grand Master appointing the Hon'ble Sir Henry Parsall Burt, K.C.I.E., D.D.G.M. (Punjab) as the District Grand Master was received by the District in February, 1914, and Wor. Bro. Sir H.P. Burt was installed in that high office at the Regular Festival Meeting of the District at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 13th April, 1914. Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease, C.I.E., P.D.D.G.M., performed the Installation ceremony. The Meeting was well attended with over fifty visiting Brethren apart from those who were members of the District itself. At the said Meeting the newly installed D.G.M. appointed Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease, C.I.E., as Deputy District Grand Master. Unfortunately, the out-going D.G.M., Wor. Bro. General Sir O'Moore Creagh, could not be present at that Meeting and a farewell message specially sent by him for the Brethren was read out by Wro. Bro. Col. Pease

At this stage, a brief flash back with regard to Wor. Bro. General Sir O'Moore Creagh's tenure as D.G.M. would not be out of place. Wor. Bro. Creagh was the D.G.M. from October, 1909, to about the end of 1913, and ruled the District with the assistance of Wor. Bros. Col. H.T. Pease and Sir Henry Parsall Burt as his Deputies. The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District when he took over was 26 and that when he left was 27. Similarly, the number of members on the Rolls of the various Lodges in December, 1909, was 1669 and at the end of 1913 was 1775. Apart from the steady progress made by Masonry during his tenure, Wor. Bro. General Sir O'Moore Creagh's period of office was the most eventful with regard to the constant endeavour made by the District to build up the quality of its membership and to raise the dignity of the Order. All along during his tenure, steps were taken to impress on all Lodges the necessity of carefully scrutinizing the character of the candidates desirous of being introduced into the Order, to ensure a proper supply of honourable and worthy Brethren to the Fraternity. The retiring D.G.M. was least concerned with the rise or fall in the numerical strength of members in the District. He once said "numbers alone do not account for everything."

Towards the middle of 1914 an application was received by the D.G.M. for the formation of another Lodge in Simla; the said application being submitted with the full support of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459.

### THE WAR BEGINS

The year 1914 witnessed unfavourable conditions for Masonry in general. The start of the Great War affected almost every part of the globe and it also affected the work of the Lodges in the District. The first half of the year saw an increase of roughly 90 members on the Roll of the District, but the latter half saw an appreciable dwindling with roughly 195 resignations caused by the demands of active service and about 37 exclusions. A large number of Regiments stationed in the District had to leave due to exigencies of active service. The number of subscribing members on the Roll at the end of 1914 went down to 1755, wiping out the appreciable increase that had been effected in the first half of the year.



In early 1915 Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Henry P. Burt was selected to fill an important appointment in the India Office and had to leave India immediately. Owing to the pressing nature of his duties, he could not even attend the Regular Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 12th April, 1915, to pay a personal farewell to all his Masonic friends before giving up his position as the Ruler of the Craft in the Punjab, an office which he otherwise had hoped to hold for some time to come. In his absence, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair, referred to the great loss that had been caused to the District by his departure, but congratulated him on behalf of the District on his well deserved appointment and tendered to him their sincere wishes that he would live long to enjoy the honour that had come to him. The District thus came under the charge of Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease, C.I.E., D.D.G.M.

On 5th May, 1915, THE LODGE PROSPECT No. 3742 (Warranted 20th October, 1914) was Consecrated at Simla with Wor. Bro. E.O. Wilsey as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459. The founder members of this Lodge were Edward Owen Wilasey Wilsey, Rahda Kishen, R.B. Ram Ratan Puri, Walter F. Stowell, John Tinson, R.S. Gouri Kant Roy, Dinshaw Heerjeebhoy Muncherjee Framjee, Edwin S. Baillie, Edmund W. Baker, I.S.O., Robert T. Waugh, Harry R. Phelps, William Cotton, Charles B. Maiden, William T. McCarthy, Felix Von Goldstein, Harry Barsby, Purshottam Sinha, Probodh Chandra Mukherjee, Ishar Das Puri, Ramji Das, Bertie E. Stephens, George W.B. Widger and H.H. Sir Bhupindar Singh Mohindar, G.C.I.E., the Maharaja of Patiala. The first By-Laws of this Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 5th May, 1915, approved by the D.G.M. on 15th May, 1915, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 18th June, 1915. These By-Laws provided for only eight Regular Meetings in a year during the months April to November; the Lodge being in recess from December to March.

The first steps to start a Lodge in Risalpur, a thriving Cavalry station of the Indian Army in the N. W. Frontier, were also taken that year. Wor. Bro. A. Williams, issued a circular on 5th February, 1915, to all resident Brethren stationed in Risalpur to meet at the Club on 8th February, 1915, at 7 p.m. to discuss the feasibility of starting a new Lodge at that station. Pursuant to this circular the following Brethren, Officers and Warrant Officers of the 21st Lancers Regiment, assembled at the Club: A. Williams, J. Moir, D. Methuen, R. Ward, H. Hathaway, G. Crouch, A. Southam, J. Lewis, R. Netherwood, F. Hill, T. Tumber, H. Freemantle, G. Blanchard, E. Ryder, J. Pring, D. Trout, Bell, J. Quinn, J. Watson and Marsh. At that Meeting, the Brethren decided to start a new Lodge to be named "The Hardinge Lodge" (after H.E. the Viceroy). A number of Meetings were then held and finally THE HARDINGE LODGE No. 3754 (Warranted 15th June, 1915) was Consecrated at Risalpur on 17th November, 1915, by Wor. Bro. F. Slade, P.D.G.W. Wor. Bro. A. Williams was installed as its first Master. This Lodge was sponsored by "Cabul River" No. 3225. The founder members of this Lodge were A. Williams, H. Hathaway, Major J.E. Moir, Capt. G.N. Watson, Lieut. R. Ward, G.E. Crouch, Lieut. H. Baddeley, H. Freemantle, G. Blanchard, J. A. Pring,



R.G. Netherwood, J.L. Lewis, A.J. Southam, Lieut. E.N. Ryder, T.A. Tumber, Capt. D.M. Methuen, W.A. Simpson, W.H. Eldred, J. Quinn, D. Trout, F.W. Hill, A. Marsh, R.P. O'Donnell, A. Heath, F. Briddes, Capt. C.W. Kerr, F.W. Boga and Capt. R.G. Baker. The By-Laws of this Lodge were confirmed in open Lodge on 15th December, 1915, approved by the D.G.M. on 17th January, 1916 and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 15th February, 1916. Thus the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District increased to 29.

The number of members on the Roll of the District on 31st December, 1915, was 1909, a substantial increase over the previous year. The year was marked by the loss of no less than 14 members who were called to the Grand Lodge above by the exigencies of war. This and other circumstances generally prevailing, brought home to the Fraternity the clear realization of the hard fact that many thousands of Brethren were fighting at the front and would lay down their lives in the cause of justice. Lodge "Albert Victor" No. 2370 hardly did any work in 1915 and was practically inert.

The long interval caused by the departure of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir H.P. Burt from India in March, 1915, and the consequent absence of a ruler to regulate the affairs of Masonry in the District, was brought to an end in early 1916, by the appointment by Most Wor. the Grand Master of Wor. Bro. Col. Henry Thomas Pease, M.R.C.V.S., F.Z.S., C.I.E., V.D., I.C.V.D., Principal of the Veterinary College at Lahore, as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. At the Regular Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 1st April, 1916, Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease, D.D.G.M., P.G.D. England, was installed as the Ruler of the Craft in the Punjab. The Installing Officer was Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble E.W. Parker, P.D.G.M. As one will recollect, Wor. Bro. Parker was the District Grand Master of the Punjab during the period 1887 to 1892. He had figured in the past very prominently in the activities of the District, but time and age had drawn him away from a closer and more active participation in the duties and activities of the Order. However, when Wor. Bro. Parker appeared to instal Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease as District Grand Master, it appeared that a leaf had dropped out from past history. If one knew Wor. Bro. Parker intimately, one was well acquainted with his dash and zeal and his predilection for long and illuminating addresses on Masonic topics at District Meetings. It was, therefore, not surprising that when the Installing Master addressed the District Grand Master designate and District Grand Lodge before the Installation Ceremony, that it was characteristic of that bouyant vigour of those by-gone days when the Installing Master, in his days of perfection, ruled the District. Another good reason which accounted for those illuminating addresses, was the very high esteem in which Wor. Bro. Col. Pease was held in the District and Rt. Wor. Bro. Parker spared no pains to express his feelings which were also shared by the Brethren; for here was one who was "eminent" officially and also one so placed as to be able to attend to his charge; one who resided in the District; one who had the experience and ability to advance the interests of the Order; one who by disposition was meek and humble; and one who was surpassed by none in moral and Masonic principles.



It is interesting to note that the above Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was by far the largest ever assembled in Lahore, there being no less than 86 visiting Brethren. The reason why so large an assembly of Masons was present was because the foundation-stone laying ceremony of the new Temple at Charing Cross Lahore was, also planned as an integral part of the District Grand Lodge Meeting.

At the above District Grand Lodge Meeting, Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Col. Sir G.O. Roos-Keppel, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., was appointed and invested as Deputy District Grand Master. The new D.G.M. also intimated to the Brethren that the scope of the Constitution of the Punjab Masonic Institution had been enlarged by the addition of a new foundation to cater to the relief of destitute widows of members of the Masonic Fraternity and requested the Brethren to contribute their mite to this new foundation.

THE PHULKIAN LODGE No. 3764 at Patiala, was Consecrated on 15th April, 1916. Wor. Bro. H.H. Maj.-Genl. Sir Bhupindra Singh Mohindra Singh Bahadur, Maharaja Adhiraj of Patiala, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.B.E., was installed as its first Master. This Lodge was Warranted on 21st December, 1915. The founder members of this Lodge were H.H. Maharaja Adhiraj of Patiala, G.C.I.E., H.H. The Maharaja Rana of Dholpore, H.H. The Maharaja of Jind G.C.I.E., D. Johnston, Surgeon-General Sir Charles Pardey Lukis, K.C.S.I., John Tinson, Charles H. Gwynn, Col. Charles Henry James, Lt.-Col. A.C. Elliot, Rahda Kishan, Azzizuddin Ahmad, R.E. Holland, I.C.S. Charles, J. Prior, Owen Charles Sullivan, A.W. Dyer, Tikka Rugunath Singh of Dehradun, F. Von Goldstein, Robert Harold Crump, I.C.S., General Gurnam Singh, Raja Runbir Singh of Dehradun, Kanvar Shamsheer Bahadur Singh of Dehradun, Khalifa Hamed Hussain, Sirdar Bhagwan Singh, Major K.M. Mistri, Sirdar Shamsheer Singh, Dr. Behari Lal Dhingra, Sirdar Tara Charan, Charles W. Bowles, Sirdar Gobinder Singh, Sirdar Gokul Chand, Kour Chitter Singh, S. Bachitter Singh, Captain Kishan Singh, Jean Muler Des Roches, Walter, Alfred Highins, Harry Barsby, Dinshaw Framjee, Albert Edward Tansey, George Russell, C. Imrie and Jagannath Seth.

**KITCHENER'S TRAGIC DEATH** The tragic and untimely death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Field Marshall Earl Kitchener of Khartoum and Aspell, Past District Grand Master of Egypt and Sudan, and of the Punjab, on 6th June 1916 plunged the whole of the British Empire, including India, into deep mourning and sorrow. All Masons regretted the loss of this worthy and distinguished Mason, a Brother who had done valuable service to the Craft as well as to his country. Independently of the Masonic Order, all Englishmen owed him a debt of gratitude which could never be repaid; for who can forget that his name is held in honour in the history of his country even now after all his contemporaries have passed away. At the District Grand Lodge Meeting of the Punjab held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998 on 11th September, 1916, a resolution was passed mourning the loss of this distinguished Mason. Wor. Bro. Sir George Roos-Keppel, D.D.G.M. in the Chair, in a long address, paid a fitting encomium to this fearless soldier and worthy Brother who had done so much for Freemasonry, particularly in Egypt, the Sudan, and the Punjab. After the address, the Brethren stood



to order while the Dead March was played. A resolution was also passed authorising the D.G.M. to nominate a Committee to decide upon a Memorial to be erected by the Fraternity in honour of the late Field Marshall Lord Kitchener. The District Grand Lodge and all Lodges thereunder were placed in Masonic mourning from 19th June, 1916, to 31st October, 1916.

At the above District Grand Lodge Meeting, the D.D.G.M. referred to the considerable progress made in the District in 1915 and stated though the number of Lodges in the Punjab was less than half the number of Lodges in the sister District of Bengal (the Senior District in India), the number of subscribing members was equal in the two Districts. The D.D.G.M. further pointed out that while in Bengal only one Lodge had reached the figure of 100 in the number of subscribing members, in the Punjab there were already six Lodges with numbers exceeding 100. Referring to the work done in the first half of 1916, the D.D.G.M. stated that the Lodges generally had been busy, but that Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Albert Victor" and "Derajat" had done no work and that "Derajat" was in abeyance as all its members had become absent because of active service. The D.D.G.M. hoped it would be possible to get the Lodge working in the coming winter. By the end of the year "Derajat" was again working as was "Himalayan Brotherhood," but "Albert Victor" remained in abeyance throughout. With an increase of 122 in the second half of the year, the number of subscribing members on the Rolls of Lodges in the District at the end of 1916 stood at 2201.

In March, 1917, a Committee appointed to consider the question of erecting a Memorial to perpetuate the memory of the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Field Marshall Lord Kitchener submitted its report to the District Grand Secretary, Punjab, suggesting that a marble bust of the late District Grand Master with a suitable inscription should be placed in the centre of the vestibule at the top of the main staircase of the new Masonic Hall (under construction) at Lahore. The Committee estimated that the Memorial would cost between £250 and £300 and suggested that the cost be met by the various Lodges, Chapters and Preceptories working in the Province. At the District Meeting at Lahore on 7th April, 1917, the said report was adopted and all Masonic Bodies in the District were addressed accordingly and invited to contribute towards the Memorial proposed.

At the above District Grand Lodge Meeting, a resolution condoling the death of H. R. H. The Duchess of Connaught and Strathearn, the Gracious Consort of Most Worshipful The Grand Master, was passed; the Brethren standing to order. At that Meeting the Hon'ble Surgn.-Genl. Sir C. P. Lukis, K.C.S.I., K.H.S., was appointed the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab in the appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Wor. Bros. C. A. Barron, C.I.E., and Major H. Norman Young were appointed District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively.

Notwithstanding the war, Freemasonry in the Punjab continued to be virile. It was particularly commendable that many of the Lodges were carrying on their work under the stress of great difficulties and disabilities. The frequent change of military and civilian



personnel brought about recurring problems, but they were overcome one by one. The only Lodge to suffer through military movements was Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, D. I. Khan, which, after its Meeting on 18th April, 1917, went into abeyance as almost all its members were away on active service.

In the middle of 1917, steps were taken by "The Albert Victor Lodge" No. 2370 to change its name to "The Prince Albert Victor Lodge" and its character from a Past Master's Research Lodge to a Craft Lodge by opening its membership to Ruling Chiefs of the Punjab, Gazetted Officers of the Imperial and Provincial Services, Fellows of the Punjab University, Professors of Colleges and members of professions with British qualifications, Title-holders and persons of equivalent social standing. The change of name was effected by September, as the Roll Call taken at the District Grand Lodge Meeting held that month at Simla referred to that Lodge under its new name. The first Meeting of Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" at which persons from its new class of membership were proposed for joining, was its Emergent Meeting on 30th November, 1917.

Towards the third quarter of 1917 Lodge "Stewart" No. 1960 at Rawalpindi fell into difficulties; all its Officers having proceeded on active service. The Lodge was unable to meet for some short time, but by the end of the year the matter was brought under control. Lodge "Phulkian" No. 3764 which had been in existence a little more than a year, showed considerable progress; this Lodge having almost 100 members on its Roll. In the first half of 1917 there were roughly seven Lodges having membership running into three figures with the prospects of four others joining them in the course of the second half.

In the last quarter of 1917, the new Temple at Charing Cross was complete. A Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was convened for the 29th November, 1917, for the dedication of the new Temple. The Meeting was well attended and at an impressive ceremony, the new Temple was dedicated to Masonic purposes according to ancient custom. As that was the first Meeting of the District Grand Lodge after the sad death of Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Sir Charles Pardey Lukis, K.C.S.I., K.H.S., D.D.G.M., the District Grand Master spoke a few words at the Meeting regarding this eminent Brother, after which, the Brethren stood to order and the Dead March was played on the Organ.

When the year closed, the District had 30 Lodges on its Roll with an aggregate membership of 2403, an appreciable increase of 202 over the previous year. Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" No. 2370, which was in abeyance the previous year, had begun working and was showing a change for the better.

One new Lodge at New Delhi was added to the Roll of the District in early 1918. THE LODGE RAISINA No. 3819 was Consecrated by the D.G.M. on 9th January, 1918, under a Provisional Warrant granted by the District. Col. H. F. Cleveland, C.I.E., V.H.S., I.M.S., was installed as its first Master. Warranted by the Grand Lodge on 7th November, 1917, this Lodge had 19 Founder Members, namely, Col. H. F. Cleveland, C.I.E., V.H.S., I.M.S., H.G. Russell, F. K. Greaves, B.E. French, R.B. Ram Rattan Puri, J. Tinson,



Col. B.R. Moberly, D.S.O., Col. R. Heard, I.M.S., D.H.M. Framjee, E. W. Baker, I.S.O., Maj. R. A. Needham, D.S.O., I.M.S., Col. L.P. More, R.A.M.C., Lt. Col. S.M. Rice, C.I.E., C.J. Knowles, H. Barsby, P. Sinha, P. C. Mukherjee, Maj. C. W. F. Melville, I.M.S., and A.I. Sleigh.

With the addition of this Lodge and the great vigour shown by Masonry in general the number of subscribing members on the Rolls of the Lodges on 30th June, 1918, stood higher by 259 over the number prevailing at the beginning of the year. In fact, the actual increase was much higher but the Returns for the said half year omitted to include the number of Brethren of three Lodges which had failed to submit their figures.

The years 1917 and 1918 were particularly marked by the exceptional interest shown by the Brethren and the District in subscribing to various Charities. Notwithstanding the numerous calls continually being made on the Brethren to subscribe in various manner to the War effort, over Rs. 26,000 was collected by the various Lodges in 1917 for the Punjab Masonic Institutions, which enabled the Trustees of the said Fund to declare 27 vacancies on the Children's and 7 on the Widows' Foundation. In early 1918, circulars were issued to all Lodges in the District to collect funds for the Freemasons' War Hospital in England. The Appeal met with ready response and the District sent over Four Hundred Pounds Sterling (£.400.0.0) to the Grand Lodge, in addition to other sums sent by various Lodges direct. It may be mentioned here that London's Fullham Palace was taken over by the United Grand Lodge for the Freemasons' War Hospital. This was achieved through the Red Cross Society and with the assistance of the Bishop of London. The Opening Ceremony of the Freemasons' Hospital and Nursing Home (which hospital contained about 200 beds) was performed by Most Worshipful the Grand Master. To maintain the said Hospital as a permanent Institution after the War, over 130 Masonic Bodies qualified themselves as Founding Lodges by contributing £100 Sterling and upwards; Lodges "Hope and Perseverance", "Mayo" and the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab being included in the list of the Founding Lodges. [These two instances do not complete the record of the District's benevolence and efforts towards assisting humanity in time of distress or need; they are two culled from a large number too numerous to detail here. It must not be forgotten that these special cases are over and above the District's usual annual grants to the Punjab Masonic Institutions and to various secular non-Masonic charities, of which evidence will be found in the Minutes of each Annual Meeting of the District.]

Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" No. 2370 at Lahore and "Derajat" No. 3206 at D. I. Khan, went into abeyance in early 1918 and remained in that state for almost the whole of the year.

At the Annual District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 1st March, 1918, Wor. Bro. Brig.-Genl. C.L. Norman, M.V.O., D.S.O., was appointed as the new Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab in the vacancy arising out of the death of Wor. Bro. Sir Pardey Lukis. In the address to the District Grand Lodge, the D.G.M. impressed on Lodges and Brethren the imperative need for the keenest watchfulness in the



matter of the quality of persons being admitted to the Masonic Fraternity and pointed out that great discredit and injury had been brought upon them by admitting Brethren without enquiry into their character and qualification. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. conferred Past District Grand Ranks on the under-noted three Brethren in honour of the Bi-Centenary of the United Grand Lodge of England, under authority conferred on him by the Grand Lodge:

Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. R.J.W. Mawhinn, P.D.S.G.D.,

Wor. Bro. J.J. Rowe, P.D.G., Sw. B.,

Wor. Bro. Manak Chand, P.D.G. Asst. Sec.



## POST WAR YEARS

### DISTRICT'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The District Grand Lodge of the Punjab completed its Golden Jubilee on 12th March, 1919. Unfortunately due to the disturbed conditions prevailing as the aftermath of the Great War no festival or celebrations were held. At the Annual Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 29th March, 1919, not so much as a reference to the fiftieth anniversary of the District was even made by the D.G.M. in his address nor any history given or appreciation made of the great progress made by the District since it first took birth on 12th March, 1869. The D.G.M.'s address referred to the feeling of relief, rather than joy, felt by one and all at the termination of the war and referred to the preparation the Grand Lodge was making for the celebration of peace during the period 23rd to 30th June, 1919. The D.G.M. stated in his address that though the war was over the aftermath in the form of revolution and unrest was still there and a long and anxious time would elapse before the world would again settle down to normal life. The giant strides that the District had made from a collection of 7 Lodges with 217 subscribing Brethren to 31 Lodges with roughly over 2600 subscribing Brethren stood totally excluded from any reference in the address.

In the early part of 1919 steps were taken to collect from all Lodges in the District names of all Brethren who had died in the war, in order to enable the District to compile a complete "Roll of Honour" for the Punjab.

By about the same period, Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" picked up activity; having started functioning in January, 1919.

By the middle of the year, the D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Colonel H.T. Pease, retired from his post and returned to England and therefore was unable to personally preside over the Meeting of the District held at Simla on 8th September, 1919. In his absence, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair conveyed his farewell to the Brethren and his tender apologies at his inability to meet them. In a fitting address, the D.D.G.M. paid a glowing tribute to the retiring D.G.M., who had grown gray in the service of the Craft in the Punjab and who had done so much to further the interests of Masonry in the District.

### H. T. PEASE RETIRES

At this stage, a few words about the retiring D.G.M. would not be out of place. Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease was one of the oldest active Masons in the Punjab and a tower of strength to Masonry in the District. An initiate of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, he had served twice as Master of his mother Lodge before universal opinion indicated him as the right and proper person to act as Deputy District Grand Master and finally to succeed Sir Henry Parsall Burt as D.G.M. As the Ruler of the District for over four



years, he showed great tact and kindly geniality and at all times undertook the most subordinate duties in the furtherance of the cause he loved so well. The new Temple at Lahore, almost every stage of construction of which had met the scrutiny of his fatherly eye, was a living monument to the work which he did for Masonry in India. When Wor. Bro. Colonel H.T. Pease took over his high office as D.G.M. on 1st April, 1916, there were 30 Lodges on the Roll of the District and the Returns for the half year ending 30th June, 1916, showed 2072 subscribing members. At the time of his retirement, the number of Lodges were 31 and the Returns for the half year ending 31st December, 1919, showed 2599 subscribing members.

The number of subscribing members on the Roll of the District as at the end of 1918 and 1919 was 2719 and 2388 respectively. The drop in 1919 was due to the movement of troops owing to troubles on the Frontier and the consequent resignations of members from the Frontier Lodges.

On 2nd November, 1919, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Edwin Woodall Parker, P.D.G.M. passed to T. G.L.A., to the grief and sorrow of the whole District. **PARKER PASSES AWAY** Initiated in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, in 1872, Bro. Parker during his 47 years' Masonic career gained a reputation for enthusiasm, zeal and devotion that ranked second to none. In 1882 Bro. Parker filled the Chair of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 and in 1890 founded Lodge "Albert Victor" and became its first Master. In 1889, Bro. Parker filled the Chair of Dist. Mark Overseer of Mark Masters of Bengal. From 1886 to 1893 Bro. Parker held the high position of the District Grand Master and the Grand Superintendent of the Chapter in the Punjab. In 1891 he was appointed Deputy District Grand Mark Master, which post he held for some years. Bro. Parker's death marked the end of an era of success, hard work and enlightenment in the annals of Freemasonry in the Punjab. His impartial character, organisational ability, high intellectual acumen and devotional zeal gave to the District, during its period of signal progress and advancement, universal enlightenment and success. Bro. Parker loved and worshipped Masonry with a feeling of chaste reverence and, in his many illuminating addresses delivered at various District and Craft Meetings, he brought out forcefully the spiritual virtues and moral values of the Order. The following extract from his speech, delivered at the time when he took charge of the District, will not be out of place:

"Masonry possesses a peculiar force and vitality in a country like India where a handfull of Englishmen are placed amidst an enormous foreign population, a population, moreover, showing signs of centuries of civilisation and culture though of a kind differing widely from that of Europe, and containing in its architecture and literature some indication of the influences of our ancient fraternity. It may well be believed that Masonry is destined to take a not unimportant part in reviving and elevating the lost culture of the country, and imparting a healthy moral tone to its population.

Masonry has proved a source of comfort and consolation to Englishmen of all ranks in India; many of us live in isolation, surrounded by constant perils,



and away from all friends and relations, and the feeling of confidence created by membership in our powerful organization for the relief of suffering and the support of friends and Brothers is of high value to all of us. Misfortune, in the shape of poverty and disease, daily claims our sympathy and help; the widow and the orphan are our constant charge; and doubtless the State is under obligation to our Order for its influence upon the conduct of public servants who are members of the fraternity on all occasions of difficulty and danger.

Apart from this phase of usefulness, Masonry has shown itself to be a most powerful influence for good, in improving the relations subsisting between the Englishman and the Indian. Neither the official, special, nor religious influences which have been brought to bear upon the natives of India under the British Rule have been able to touch the more advanced high-caste Indian, of whatever persuasion, in the way in which he has been affected by the social and moral teachings of Freemasonry, which is a means, in an ever-increasing degree, of uniting the English and the Indian subjects to Her Majesty in the "firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love". Masonry has proved in India (to use again the words of the Ancient Charges) 'the centre of union between good men and true' without distinction of race and creed, 'and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.'

Feelings such as these first led me to join our ancient and honourable fraternity; the same feelings have been more fully developed during my Masonic career, and have now operated to induce me to accept the responsible position which has been conferred upon me. I am happy to think, in accordance with the wishes of the Brethren amongst whom I have lived and laboured. I do so in the hope that, however unworthy in myself, I may be the means of aiding in some small degree the great and glorious work which lies before us."

In February, 1920, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appointed Maj-Gen. Sir George Fletcher MacMunn, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., D.S.O., as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. Accordingly, at a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 10th April, 1920, Wor. Bro. Maj.-Gen. Sir G.F. MacMunn was installed and invested in that high office. The honour of installing the D.G.M. fell to the good fortune of Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Allen Broadway, D.D.G.M. in Charge. At that Meeting, which was attended by 110 Masons, the D.G.M. re-appointed Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Broadway to the office of Deputy District Grand Master.

In early 1920 the question of the Memorial to the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Earl Kitchener was considered afresh in the light of earlier resolutions passed. This was done with a view to the incorporation of the earlier scheme in a more general Memorial to all Brethren



who had given their lives in the Great War. On a proposal by Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett, the whole matter was referred to the Board of General Purposes for submission of a fresh scheme.

The progress of the Craft in the Province during 1920 was most favourable. 13 Lodges had over 100 members and other Lodges showed a very steady increase. With the end of the Great War, a great future, far more extended than in the past, opened up for the Craft. The war, with all its miseries, focussed men's minds to those principles on which Freemasonry was based and many persons turned to the Craft as embodying the principles which the war had taught them to respect.

At the District Grand Lodge Meeting of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, under the Banner of Lodge "Prospect" No. 3742 on 6th September, 1920, the impending visit of Most Wor. the Grand Master to India in the coming spring was conveyed to the Brethren. At that Meeting, the subject of the Memorial to the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Earl Kitchener and E.W. Parker, Past District Grand Masters of the Punjab, was taken up and Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett was given approval to finalise the scheme. It was also decided at that Meeting to permit the Temple to be made available to all Lodges in the District whenever it was desired by any of them for a Memorial Service to any Brother whom they desired to honour. During his address that evening, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren the new project personally being piloted by M.W. the Grand Master concerning The Masonic Million Memorial Fund for the erection of a new building to house the Grand Lodge and to provide for the maintenance of its large establishment and stated that the details of the scheme would be placed before the Brethren shortly in a letter from M. W. the Grand Master to every Brother.

On 16th October, 1920, THE HAZARA LODGE No. 4159 (Warranted 13th July, 1920) at Abbottabad was Consecrated at the Raquet Court in that town by Wor. Bro. Major F. Slade, Past District Grand Warden. The founder members of this Lodge were A.W. Hall, D. Crowhurst, Major H.T. Molloy, D.S.O., G.W. Doyle, S. Condr. F.W. Hammond, Lieut. G. Brown, Lt.-Col. C.R. Johnson, Captain D.W. Belcher, V.C., Captain N.R.C. Cosby, Captain N.B. Hart, Captain W.G.H. Wells, Major R.V. Garrett, Captain F.N.C. Rossiter, Major N.E.H. Scott and Condr. O.H. Liecester. The founder members were in the main, representatives of the 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles (FF), the 6th Gurkha Rifles and The Royal Artillery. [The "Gurkha Kukri" is included in the Lodge insignia.] This Lodge began its existence after a chapter of unfortunate happenings. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. G.K. Walker undertook to perform the ceremony of Consecration on his way back from Kashmir, but the scheme fell through as a date could not be mutually arranged. Wor. Bro. Col. H.R. Senior, Past D.D.G.M. (Burma) then stepped into the field, but he fell ill at the last moment and could not go from Murree to Abbottabad to perform his task. Wor. Bro. Major F. Slade finally came into the picture and when he reached Abbottabad he found Wor. Master designate incapacitated by a fatal accident a few days before the date fixed for Consecration. Since all arrangements were complete and Brethren from out-stations had come to partake in the ceremony, it was necessary to proceed with the Consecration.



cration and the Senior Warden Bro. Maj. H.T. Molloy was thus installed as the first Master of Lodge "Hazara" No. 4159. The petition for the Warrant of th's Lodge was recommended by Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413.

Thus at the close of 1920 the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District was 32 with a membership of 2856 subscribing Brethren.

The arrival of M.W. the Grand Master, The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., etc., in Delhi in early 1921 marked great activity in the State Capital. A Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was called to receive H.R.H. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and present him an Address. The Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held at Chelmsford Hall, Delhi, on 9th February, 1921, where over 225 Masons, including the cream of the Fraternity, attended. Their Highnesses the Maharajas of Patiala, Kapurthala, Dholpur and Cooch-Bihar, were also present. After the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. H. E. Lord Rawlinson, was received by a deputation of seven members of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and conducted into the Lodge. Thereafter, Rt. Wor. Bro. W.A. Haig-Brown, D.G.M., Bombay, Officers of the District Grand Lodges of Bombay, Bengal and Madras and Officers of the Grand Lodge of All-Scottish Freemasonry in India were duly received by a similar deputation of seven Brethren of the Punjab District and admitted into the Lodge, where they were introduced to and welcomed by the D.G.M. Finally, M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., etc., who was accompanied by Wor. Bro. H.H. The Maharaja of Kapurthala, G.C.S.I., P.G.W. and Wor. Bro. David Johnston, P.G. St. Br., was received by a deputation of thirteen eminent Brethren of the Punjab District. M.W. The Grand Master and his delegation were then conducted into the Lodge, where M.W. the Grand Master was received in due form by the D.G.M., handed the Gavel and offered the Chair, which he assumed. After the customary preliminaries, the D.G.M. addressed M.W. the Grand Master and pointed out that 19 years had passed since the Freemasons of the District had had the privilege of meeting him, when he personally had installed that pre-eminent Bro. the late Earl Kitchener as D.G.M. of the Punjab, and that though that great Mason and soldier was no longer with them, the Masons of the Punjab had proposed to consecrate to his memory, and to that of other Brethren who had laid down their lives in the Great War, a War Memorial in the Temple at Lahore, in which it was a matter of great regret that he (M.W. the Grand Master) would not be able to participate. The D.G.M. then gave an account of his Stewardship and of the state of Masonry in the District and referred to the great advance made by the Punjab Masonic Institutions in the expansion of its funds and the enlargement made to its original intent. After the speech, an illuminated copy of the Address was presented to M.W. the Grand Master in a carved ivory casket. M.W. the Grand Master in a befitting reply, mourned the loss of Wor. Bro. the late Earl Kitchener and other Brethren who had laid down their lives in the Great War and in whose honour the District was proposing to consecrate a War Memorial at its new headquarters at Lahore, showed satisfaction at the progress made by Freemasonry



in the District and, in his own name and that of the Grand Lodge of England, extended to the D.G.M. and the Brethren of the Punjab District his hand of fellowship and his assurance of the warm feelings that all English Freemasons felt towards their Brethren in India. Before the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, nineteen distinguished Brethren were presented to M.W. the Grand Master by the D.G.M.

At this stage a brief flash-back is necessary. M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., etc., had last visited Delhi in 1902-3, when he had personally installed Rt. Wor. Bro. Viscount Kitchener as the D.G.M. Punjab. At that time the District had made satisfactory progress and there were 22 Craft Lodges with a total membership of 1098. On the day of the Special Meeting in February, 1921, the District had still better results to show; the Lodges had risen to 32 and the membership to 2632. The invested capital of the Punjab Masonic Institutions showed a record figure of Rs. 3,08,500 and the charity had now an additional endowment for providing pensions for the widows of Masons in addition to the original one that provided financial assistance only to Masons' children not above the age of 18 years.

The total expenditure incurred on account of the Meeting held at Delhi for the reception of H.R.H. M.W. the Grand Master, including the Casket and Address presented to him, amounted to Rs. 2,500. On the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, a levy on all Lodges of Re. 1 per member was duly approved and passed at the Regular Meeting of the District held at Lahore in April, 1921.

In May, 1921, steps were initiated for the formation of a Lodge in Jamrud in the Khyber Pass. After the Third Afghan War, the Khyber Pass was garrisoned by the 1st Indian Infantry Brigade (with headquarters at Landi Kotal) and the 2nd Indian Infantry Brigade (with headquarters at Jamrud). These two Brigades had been constituted and came into existence on 20th September, 1920. On 19th May, 1921, the question of a petition for a new Lodge at Jamrud was first discussed at Jamrud by some of the Brethren of the 2nd Indian Infantry Brigade and when a notice was circulated to local Brethren, it was found that 15 Brethren were prepared to become founder-members. On 1st June, 1921, a preliminary Meeting of Brethren was held at Fort Jamrud and a Committee was appointed to carry out the proposals. The petition for the new Lodge, which was signed by 26 Brethren, was supported by the Wor. Master of Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 at Peshawar. A building was secured, altered and added to, to act as the premises of the new Lodge. Under Dispensation and Provisional Warrant granted by the D.G.M., the Consecration of THE LODGE JAMRUD No. 4372 formally took place on 14th December, 1921, and Bro. Col. E.F. Orton was installed as its first Master. The Consecration was carried out by the D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut-Genl. Sir G.F. MacMunn, assisted by seven officers of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. The Warrant dated 2nd November, 1921, from the Grand Lodge of England was received by the Brethren at Jamrud on 16th January, 1922, when the Provisional Warrant was returned to the District Grand Secretary, Lahore. Thus came into being a Lodge on the northern-most



part of the North-West Frontier and one to be the 33rd on the Roll of the District. The founder members of this Lodge were Col. Comdt. E.F. Orton, Capt. A.W. Tyte, Capt. V.C. McCracken, F.W. Moulds, R.B. Karam Chand, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. W.J. Keen, C.I.E., Major W.M. Hunt, D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col. M.H. Babington, D.S.O., Capt. E.R.H. Atkins, J.M.N. Barrett, O.J.G. Babington, Capt. A. Maitland, 2nd Lieut. Malik Abdur Rahim, Capt. L.E. Barton, Major E.E. Hills, Capt. E.A. Barden, Capt. H.G.P. Rees, Capt. J.W.C. Colquhoun, R.S. Chaliss, Capt. J.A. Willoughby, Capt. E.R.C. Palmer, R.O.C. Thomson, Lt. H.J. Molyneux, Capt. D.O. Nicholson, Capt. E.F. Johnson, and Major G.E. Jarman.

Before proceeding further, it must be stated at this stage that Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, Dera Ismail Khan, began working again and held its first Meeting at the Allah Nawaz Castle, the residence of the Nawab of Dera, on 22nd November, 1921. This Lodge thus settled down to active work after its long abeyance of over four years.

In January, 1922, the new By-Laws of the District were passed, after some discussion. These revised By-Laws were much simpler than the old, which were very lengthy and contained a mass of detail which seemed in many respects superfluous. The new By-Laws brought about two major changes. Firstly, the constitution of the Board of General Purposes was clearly defined and the Sub-Committees which it could appoint and their composition were specified. Secondly, the financial duties of the Board, including the method of keeping accounts and provision for audit, were brought into line with the system in vogue in the Grand Lodge. On 11th September, 1922, the D.G.M. reported at the Autumnal Meeting of the District held at Simla that the revised By-Laws had been approved by the Grand Lodge and that they would take effect immediately. The D.G.M. also nominated six Brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes in accordance with Rule 19 of the revised By-Laws.

In April, 1922, the long reign of Wor. Bro. David Johnston as the District Grand Secretary, extending over a period of 21 years, came to a close. At the investiture of officers that took place at the Regular District Grand Lodge Meeting of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 17th April, 1922, Wor. Bro. Dr. Owen Roberts was appointed as the District Grand Secretary. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Broadway, the D.D.G.M. in the Chair, referred to the retirement of Wor. Bro. David Johnston from the post of District Grand Secretary which he had so honourably and efficiently held for the past 21 years and stated that though there was some severance, there was no parting involved because Wor. Bro. Johnston had stepped down from an Executive post to resume his rightful place as a Ruler of the Craft on all the Boards and Councils of the District Grand Lodge. In a short address, the D.D.G.M. paid glowing tributes to this noble veteran, adequately acknowledged the obligation the District had all along been under for his past faithful and loyal service and finally referred to his 20 years' close connection with the Punjab Masonic Institutions, which under his fostering care, had grown to enormous strength.

By the middle of the year, Lodge "Gwalior" No. 3681 was in difficulties; neither having paid its dues to the District nor having acknowledged its correspondence. The Lodge thus placed itself vulnerable to censure and to having its Warrant suspended.



At the Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" on 11th September, 1922, the D.G.M. referred to the complete disregard shown by Lodge "Gwalior" No. 3681 in not paying its dues or answering communications of the District and while sympathising with the considerable difficulties faced by the Brethren in Gwalior in keeping a Lodge going under the conditions of society prevailing there, intimated that he would finally suspend the Warrant of that Lodge. [This Lodge went into abeyance.] At that Meeting the D.G.M. also dealt with two other matters of great importance. The first related to the black-balling of candidates for racial or religious reasons. The second, to the evil which was growing amongst Brethren of using Masonic Crests etc., on their paper when asking for business concessions, or advertising their Masonic ranks in applications for employment in letters and in the press, or openly demonstrating Masonic signs and tokens when interviewing Brethren in private walks of life. As regards the first, the D.G.M. informed the Brethren that he was determined to stamp the evil habit out and to take most rigorous proceedings in that respect, even if he had to suspend the Warrant of the Lodge concerned and, thereafter, restore it on terms that only those Brethren who were a good influence in the Lodge should be readmitted. Regarding the second evil, the D.G.M. threatened to take severe disciplinary action against any Brother found guilty of advertising and hoped that the Brethren would support him in opposing and rooting out that evil practice.

In September, 1922, the Wor. Master of Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442 having noticed that one Brother and three candidates desiring to join the Lodge had been black-balled for the second successive occasion, immediately closed the Lodge, informed the Brethren that it would remain closed pending further instructions from the District Grand Lodge, and referred the matter to the Board of General Purposes for enquiry. On 11th December, 1922, the Board of General Purposes heard the charge made against the said Lodge by its Wor. Master and examined the Wor. Master and other Brethren in support of the complaint, together with others who offered themselves for examination, and thereafter unanimously suspended the Lodge, which action the D.G.M. confirmed and approved.

On 19th September, 1922, Lodge "Hazara" No. 4159 moved from the Racquet Court to the new Masonic Hall, Abbottabad.

Between September and December, 1922 THE KOHAT LODGE No. 4459 (Warranted 11th July, 1922) was Consecrated at Kohat, thus bringing into being the 34th Lodge on the Roll of the District. The first Master was Wor. Bro. F.W. Moulds and the founder members were F.W. Moulds, W.G.H. Wells, F.A.L. Poole, D. Beckett, C.W. Cadwallar, J.B. Grojan, T. Nesbitt, W.L. Salmon, G.G. Bircham, V.J. Prince, E.M. Little, E. Eyres, H. Croft, J.E. Clem, A.M. Cockshott, C.E.C. Midford, A.E. McMahon and A.N. Tyte.

On 5th December, 1922, the Dedication of the Freemasons' Hall, Risalpur, belonging to Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 was carried out by Wor. Bro. P.N. Craigie, D.S.G.D.,



acting as temporary Deputy District Grand Master, in the presence of a distinguished gathering. At that Meeting there were 20 members of Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 and 19 visiting Brethren. This was the first occasion that a delegation of District Grand Lodge Officers visited Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754.

On the occasion of the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden (Eng), M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to honour the following members of the Punjab District with appointments in Grand Lodge:

Wor. Bro. H.H. Maharaja Adhiraj Mohinder Bahadur of Patiala, G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., P.D.G.W.	} Past Grand Warden (Junior).
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Wor. Bro. Col. H.W.R. Senior, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., P.D.G.W.	} Past Grand Deacon (Senior).
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Wor. Bro. R. Watson, P.D.G.W.	P. Asst. Grand Dir of Cers.
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And at the instance of Grand Lodge, the D.G.M. made the following special appointments to mark the occasion:

Wor. Bro. Col. Commdt. A.L. Tarver, C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.	P.D.S.G.W.
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Wor. Bro. Mathra Das	P.D.J.G.W.
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Wor. Bro. A.A. Clift	P.D.S.G.D.
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Wor. Bro. Capt. A.H. Kemp	P.D.G. Std. Br.
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Circulars were issued by the District to this effect in late 1922. However, these appointments were not announced until the District Grand Lodge Meeting of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 13th April, 1923.

At the Meeting of the Board of General Purposes held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 21st January, 1923, the scheme for founding the "Dr. Owen Bursary Fund" was approved and carried. The establishment of this Foundation was the result of the single-handed effort of Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen, M.D. Wor. Bro. Dr. Owen had submitted a proposal on 6th September, 1920, at the District Grand Lodge Meeting held in Simla for a scheme to be framed to provide for the higher education of the P.M.I. wards after the age of eighteen years, to further prepare them for vocational or other education. The object of the scheme was to complement the Children's Foundation (of the P.M.I.) which only maintained and educated the wards of Masons up to the age of eighteen years. Wor. Bro. Dr. Owen had drawn attention to the proposal again for the second time on 5th September, 1921, at the District Meeting held in Simla, but it was not till 21st January, 1923, that he saw his dream fulfilled. At the subsequent Meeting of the Board of General Purposes held on 16th February, 1923, the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the working of the scheme, was adopted. That report inter alia recommended



that the Fund be vested in a Committee to be appointed by the Board and be kept separate from the other charities. The system of collecting donations was left to be worked out later.

At the District Grand Lodge Meeting, on 13th April, 1923, the D.G.M. announced a vigorous programme for the District for the coming year. This comprised:

- (i) Continuance of frequent inspection of Lodges as in the past year. (The old custom of inspection had fallen into disuse during the War);
- (ii) Transfer of the District Grand Lodge Office from 1st May to 30th September, to Simla to enable the District Grand Secretary and the members of the District Board who belonged to the Craft Lodges in Simla to be near him for assistance; and
- (iii) The overall improvement and organisation of the District Charities.

This was the first time after many years that systematic and vigorous steps were initiated by the D.G.M. to improve the inspection of the Lodges and organise and place the executive under his personal supervision so as to fully utilise their potential. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that Lodge "Gwalior" No. 3681 was still in abeyance and that he was still not satisfied that Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442, which was still under suspension for general un Masonic behaviour, should have its Warrant restored. The D.G.M. also referred to the resignation of Wor. Bro. David Johnston from the Honorary Secretaryship of the Punjab Masonic Institutions and thanked him on behalf of the District for all the years he had laboured as their Almoner. As regards the new "Dr. Owen Bursary Fund", the D.G.M. extolled the promising start made and the creditable sum standing to its credit, even excluding the notable donation of Rs. 500 from Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, Dera Ismail Khan.

On 4th July, 1923, Lodge "Jamrud" held its first Meeting in the Temple of Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 at Peshawar, under a special Dispensation. The last Meeting at Fort Jamrud (Khyber Pass) was held on 4th April, 1923. From July, 1923, Lodge "Jamrud" continued to hold its Meetings in Peshawar on the strength of Dispensations for some years until the By-Laws were altered.

The severe earthquake in Japan in 1923 caused great grief all over the world. On 8th September, 1923, the District Grand Lodge proposed a sum of £ 100 to be sent to the District Grand Secretary, District Grand Lodge of Japan, for the relief of widows and families of Freemasons who lost their lives in that great earthquake.

A brief account of the progress of Masonry during the period 1921-1923 will not, at this stage, be out of place. There were 33 Lodges on the Roll of the District at the end of December, 1921, 34 at the end of 1922, and 33 at the end of 1923 (with "Gwalior" being struck off the Roll). During the second half of 1922, Lodges "Sutlej" No. 1442 and "Gwalior" No. 3681 were under

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suspension and in abeyance respectively. Lodge "Sutlej" remained suspended till November, 1923. The subscribing members on the Roll of the District at the end of the years 1921, 1922 and 1923 were 2962, 2795, and 2615 respectively. The year 1921 saw an appreciable increase in the membership over the figure recorded for year-ending December, 1920. As already stated, the Masonic Order had started attracting the minds of men, deeply moved by the grim tragedies and miseries of the war, to some rule of life, some assistance, to find a haven in the principles and practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The upsurge of men turning to the Order for such assistance was manifested by the increase in membership in 1921. The slight drop in the membership in 1922 and 1923 was not the result of any waning of interest. The strength of the District had for some time been a little inflated by the retention of absent members who had left the country, but who had not resigned, and who did so in 1922 and 1923. And, of course, one should not forget the systematic and vigorous inspections of all Craft Lodges carried out by D.G.L. Officers during 1922 and 1923 which compelled many of the Craft Lodges to exclude a large number of members who had not kept up their subscriptions.

At the Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held in Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 1st February, 1924, permission was given to Lodge "Emerald Isle" No. XIX I.C. to use the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore on the same conditions as the other Lodges. That decision was taken pursuant to a request from Wor. Bro. Col. R. Heard, Inspector-General of Irish Freemasonry of India, to permit the Irish Lodge to work in the Freemasons' Hall. Consequent on this decision, the Craft Lodges under all the three Constitutions came to work under the same roof. It may be recalled that as far back as in 1910 permission had been granted to a Lodge under the Scottish Constitution to hold its Meetings in the Freemasons' Hall at Lahore.

The tenure of Rt. Wor. Bro. Major-General Sir George Fletcher MacMunn, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., D.S.O., as the District Grand Master of the Punjab, finally came to an end in the first quarter of 1924. At the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held in Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 26th April, 1924, Wor. Bro. Claude Alexander Barron, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.V.O., I.C.S., Chief Commissioner, Delhi Province, and a Member of the Council of State of India, was installed as the thirteenth District Grand Master of the Punjab. The new D.G.M. was installed by Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice Allen Brice Broadway, D.D.G.M., a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Lahore. This Installation Meeting was well attended by about seventy Brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. A. Barron, succeeded twelve District Grand Masters who were famous men and held in high esteem not only in Freemasonry but in other spheres as great soldiers and administrators. Three Commanders-in-Chief including that great Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, had ruled the District in the past and the Gavel now passed to him from the hands of the Quartermaster-General in India.

At this stage, a few words about the late D.G.M., Lieut-General Sir George F. MacMunn, would be of interest. When Wor. Bro. Sir G. MacMunn took over the office as the ruler of the District in April, 1920, there were 31 Lodges and about 2490 subscribing



members on the Roll of the District for the half year ending 30th June, 1920. At the time of his retirement, the number of Lodges had increased to 32 and the subscribing members at the end of December, 1923, was roughly 2615. Wor. Bro. Sir George MacMunn had taken his duties very seriously. He had revived the system of inspections which was found to be very beneficial to the Lodges. At the Installation of the new D.G.M., the District Grand Lodge passed a warm tribute of thanks to Wor. Bro. Sir George MacMunn for his arduous labours on behalf of the Craft in the District and expressed its best wishes for the many years of health and usefulness which were still due and in store for him.

At the above District Meeting on 26th April, 1924, the D.G.M. placed on record the news of the increase in the number of the Lodges in the District by the grant of a Warrant to Lodge "Kapurthala" No. 4612 at Kapurthala, which Lodge the D.G.M. hoped would begin to function soon. [Unfortunately, this Lodge was never Consecrated nor began working at any stage]. At that Meeting the D.G.M. informed the Brethren that the "Dr. Owen Bursary Fund" which had started the previous year and had provided for one beneficiary during the year 1923, had closed with a credit balance of Rs. 3673, thus enabling the Committee to take on two new wards that year, as the last year's ward was due to retire in May, 1924.

In April, 1924, the death of Wor. Bro. E.O.W. Wilsey brought great grief to the District. At the Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held in Lahore on 20th July, 1924, the Board decided to extend its support to erect a suitable Memorial in memory of that late Brother within the District Grand Lodge building at Lahore. At the District Meeting at Simla in September, 1924, the D.G.M. referred to the regrettable loss the Simla Masons had sustained in the death of Wor. Bro. E.O.W. Wilsey. The D.G.M. referred to the late Wor. Bro. Wilsey as his father in Masonry and alluded to the high esteem and regard in which that deceased Brother had been held generally by Masons of all ranks including such senior Masons as Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir George MacMunn.

In October, 1924, the District Board of General Purposes sanctioned the grant of a donation of £ 105 (Sterling) to the Freemasons' Hospital and Nursing Home, Chelsea, enabling the District Grand Lodge to be registered as a "Founding Lodge" of the Institution.

In November, 1924, the District Board of General Purposes, having assembled in full force, considered the application of Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442 E. C. for the restoration of its Warrant. Seven members of the said Lodge (including Wor. Bro. Kidar Nath Bhandari their spokesman) who had come all the way from Amritsar, were admitted to the Meeting. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. Bhandari intimated to the Board that all the members of his Lodge were repentant and desired the Lodge to start working afresh and that if indications of ill-feeling or un-Masonic spirit arose again, the majority would take action against the offenders. Wor. Bro. Bhandari and Wor. Bro. Duni Chand, two senior members of Lodge "Sutlej", were then subjected to a searching interrogation. At one stage, an uncalled for remark by Wor. Bro. Duni Chand to the effect that the proceedings of the previous Meeting



of the Board held on 11th December, 1922, were arbitrary, was taken exception to and as expressive of a lapse of contrition, but subsequent interrogation revealed that the members of Lodge "Sutlej" were repentant of their former mis-behaviour and desired justice, tempered with mercy. Accordingly, the Board accepted the expression of apology made by the members of Lodge "Sutlej" and the D.G.M. then handed over the Warrant of that Lodge to Wor. Bro. Bhandari, its I.P.M.

On 21st March, 1925, the "Kitchener War Memorial", on the landing to the main stair-case of the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, was formally unveiled in the presence of a large gathering. The Memorial consisted of three tablets. The two tablets on either side contained the names of 64 Brethren who were connected with Lodges in the Punjab and who had fallen in the field of battle. The tablet in the centre contained the picture of Field Marshall Earl Kitchener enclosed in a floral wreath with an inscription at the bottom reading: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LASTING AND GLORIOUS MEMORY OF FIELD MARSHAL EARL KITCHENER, K.G., ETC., FORMERLY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, AND OF ALL THOSE BRETHREN OF THE DISTRICT WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR KING AND EMPIRE IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-18. AND THEY SHALL BE MINE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS IN THAT DAY WHEN I MAKE UP MY JEWELS". The tablets were designed by Brother L. Heath and executed at the Mayo School of Art, Lahore. The Memorial was unveiled at 6.30 p. m. at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, just before the commencement of the Annual District Grand Lodge Meeting which was fixed for that day. Before unveiling the Memorial, the D.G.M. paid a glowing tribute to the Brethren of all ranks, who had fallen in the field of battle and had given their lives for their King and country.

At the above District Meeting, the D.G.M. nominated and appointed Wor. Bro. Richard Watson, P.A.G.D. of C. (Eng) as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. In his Annual report, the D.G.M. informed the Brethren that the Memorial in honour of the late Wor. Bro. E.O.W. Wilsey, P.D.G.W., of Simla, had been executed and that the same consisted of the teak wood panelling on the main staircase of the Freemasons' Hall building. [A long plaque affixed on the top of the entrance to the main staircase reads: "THIS PANELLING IS ERECTED IN MEMORY OF WOR. BRO. E.O.W. WILSEY, P.D.G.W. INITIATED IN LODGE "HIMALAYAN BROTHERHOOD" 18TH JUNE, 1898. DIED 25TH APRIL, 1924"]. The D.G.M. also intimated that the Parker Memorial had also been completed. [This consisted of the teak wood panelling in the Entrance Hall on the ground floor with the following words inscribed round it: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LASTING MEMORY OF RT. WOR. BROTHER EDWIN WOODALL PARKER, RT. WOR. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB FROM 1887-1892. DIED SECOND NOVEMBER 1919"]. The D.G.M. further announced that the Warrant of Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442 had been returned to that Lodge and that he hoped that the future career of that Lodge would be without blemish or cavil.

At the Regular Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held at Lahore on 7th August, 1925, the report of Wor. Bro. Col. Comdt. F.R.S. Gervers, C.I.E., P.D.G.



Spdt. of Works regarding the connection between Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 and the Nowshera Institute (a social club), which had caused some concern in Masonic circles, was read. The report was received with some surprise and the Board directed Lodge "Cabul River" to immediately close down the Institute being run in its premises. At the District Meeting held at Simla on 12th September, 1925, the D.G.M. alluded to this incident and pointed out the great discredit Masonry had suffered by it in Nowshera. The D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that Lodges should not hire out its surplus accommodation to an Institute so as to enable it to be connected in any way with the affairs of the Lodge or go under the title of a Masonic Institute.

At the Simla Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated that, on the whole, Masonry was flourishing in the District and *inter alia* alluded to the deaths of Wor. Bros. H.E. Genl. Lord Rawlinson of Trent, W. Mitchell, P.D.D.G.M., and Major W.M. Hunt, P.D.G.D. One important matter to which the D.G.M. drew attention was the falling off in the Hall Fund, which could not pay its way owing to insufficiency of income, and the falling off in the quarterage dues payable by private Lodges, on account of so many of their members being in arrear with their subscriptions, which was affecting the income of the General, Building and Benevolent Funds to a considerable extent. The matter being serious, the D.G.M. exhorted the Wor. Masters of Lodges to give due consideration to the collection of dues.

The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District at the end of 1924 and 1925 was 33. Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442, whose Warrant had been suspended on 11th December, 1922, received it back on 15th November, 1924. The number of subscribing members on the Roll of the District at the end of 1924 and 1925 was 2533 and 2354 respectively. The drop in the membership in 1924 from the figures of the previous year was due to heavy resignations and exclusions which, notwithstanding a fairly high number of initiations and joining, left a net decrease in the total membership. The drop in membership in 1925, was, however, due to heavy resignations consequent on the transfers of Military Units from the District. No less than 12 Lodges were inspected in 1924 and 27 in 1925 by District Grand Lodge Officers specially deputed for that purpose. The special emphasis on inspection, as founded by the late D.G.M., Wor. Bro. Sir George MacMunn, was being continued with vigour.

At the Annual District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 27th March, 1926, the D.G.M. appointed and invested Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston, P.G. Std. Br. (Eng.), as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At that Meeting the D.G.M. referred to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund, started some six years ago by M.W. the Grand Master, to erect a Memorial to the Brethren who had fallen in the Great War by erecting a new building to serve as the home of the Grand Lodge and pointed out the smallness of the contributions so far made to that fund by the Masons of the Punjab. The detailed list of donations showed that the Punjab District had only contributed £ 976 and that only one Lodge—"Hazara" No. 4159—had been noted as qualifying as a Hall Stone Lodge. Whilst the detailed Stewards' list published showed individual contributions from Masons belonging to 17 of the 33 Punjab Lodges, the D.G.M. pointed out that if the "Soldier District" of the Punjab was to maintain its reputation, more concerted action was



necessary and he commended the fund to the Wor. Masters of the larger Lodges in Lahore, Simla, Rawalpindi, Quetta and Peshawar.

On 7th May, 1926, the D.G.M. paid a warm tribute to Wor. Bro. Col. G.K. Walker, C.I.E., O.B.E., V.D., P.G.D. (Eng.), for his outstanding services to Freemasonry in the District. Wor. Bro. Walker who was shortly due for retirement had rendered yeoman service to the Craft in general and the District in particular for a period extending over many years and a vote of thanks in recognition of his work and wishes for his happiness in retirement, was proposed, passed and recorded in the Minutes.

The reduction in the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District by the long abeyance and subsequent exclusion of Lodge "Gwalior" from the Roll of the District was offset by the addition of a new Lodge, THE HYDASPES LODGE No. 4842 at Jhelum. The Consecration ceremony of this Lodge was performed by Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts, P.G.D. (Eng.) on 5th June, 1926. The District was duly represented by six District Grand Lodge officers including Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts. This Lodge had 31 founder members, namely, Archibald Mervyn Dore, J. St. Aubyn King, Ahsan-ul-Haq, Walter Alfred Burn, L.P. Brassey, H.N. North, Ralf Bagnall, Charles Fredrick Townsend, F.B.R. Spencer, Henry Jones Payne, Elof Pearson, G.A. Mitchely, B. Basu, Lional Carter, A.A. George Duke, C. Holder, Ernest Health, Richard Clement Ireland, R.W. Turner, R.C. Herron, H. Young, William Fredrich Smalman, Alexander George, Henry Allen, Arthur Edwin Spencer Clark, Mangal Sain Dhodhy, William Marychurch Morgan, George Leslie Hyde, Arthur William, Nawab Talib Mehdi Khan and Wilfred Lawson Clarke. Wor. Bro. Capt. Archibald Mervyn Dore was installed as its Master. The first By-Laws were confirmed in open Lodge on 14th June, 1926, approved by the D.G.M. on 7th July, 1926, and confirmed by M.W. the Grand Master on 18th August, 1926.

In September, 1926, the D.G.M. brought to the notice of the Brethren the completion of the Silver Jubilee of the Most Wor. Grand Master's tenure of his exalted position. The Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G. etc., as Most Worshipful the Grand Master had taken place on 17th July, 1901. The meritorious completion of a quarter of a century of service to Masonry was marked by a telegram despatched on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab to the Grand Secretary offering sincere congratulations to Most Wor. the Grand Master on completion of his Silver Jubilee and assuring him of loyal affection of the Punjab Masons.

In the same month, the D.G.M. drew the attention of the Brethren to the increasing number of publications purporting or affecting to give particulars of the Craft and inner proceedings of the Temple and pointed out that such a practice was a Masonic offence and issued a strict warning to Brethren generally to be extremely cautious in any allusions of Masonic matters, to prevent them from coming into the possession of unqualified persons. The D.G.M. also invited the attention of Brethren to the un-Masonic practice of initiating or subscribing to "Chain Prayers", which were then current and in vogue amongst Masons, and requested the Brethren not to lend themselves to the continuance of that un-Masonic nuisance.



The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District at the end of 1926 had increased by one to 34. Likewise the number of subscribing Brethren had slightly risen by 13 to 2367. Resignations (385), exclusions (97) and deaths (18) were more than counter-balanced by initiations (186) and joinings (310). The Lodges to be congratulated during the year on having larger number of initiates, were "Mayo", "Northern Star" and "Cabul River" with 11 each, and Lodge "Derajat" with 10.

At the Annual Meeting in March, 1927, Dr. Charles Arthur Owen, M.D., F.R.C.S., P.D.G.W., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab for the ensuing year. Col.-Comdt. F.R.S. Gervers and Sir Basil P. Blackett, K.C.B., were appointed and invested as District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to a telegram he had received from the District Grand Lodge, Bombay, conveying an intimation from the Grand Secretary that an official Deputation from the Grand Lodge of England would be arriving in India in November and stated that it would be necessary to prepare a programme for the Deputation's visit to the Punjab, which would include visitations to Quetta, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, and Delhi. The D.G.M. also referred in his address to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund and reported that Lodge "Jumna" had succeeded in qualifying as a Hall Stone Lodge by actually remitting the large sum of £ 186 to London. [Lodge "Hazara" had already qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge a few years earlier.]

In the first half of 1927 the Brethren of Lodge "Excelsior" No. 2832 erected at Kalka a new Temple entirely at their own expense and almost with their own hands. The construction was completed within the space of a few weeks. The plan followed was that each member of the Lodge accepted responsibility for the materials necessary for some definite portion of the structure and the result was that the building arose within an incredibly short period of time. The Brethren did not draw upon the cash resources of the Lodge. At the Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held at Lahore on 5th August, 1927, the Board placed on record its appreciation of the splendid spirit of the members of the Lodge who had erected the new building and voted a sum of Rs. 200 for the provision of an Eastern Chair for presentation to that Lodge. At the Regular Meeting of the District at Simla on 10th September, 1927, the D.G.M. also referred to the good work carried out by the members of Lodge "Excelsior" in building their new Temple and wished the Brethren of that Lodge a long era of prosperity in their new Temple.

At the above District Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that the Deputation from Grand Lodge which was visiting India that winter consisted of Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. Hon'ble G. Monckton-Arundell, Past Grand Warden, Very Wor. Bro. Sir John Ferguson, Past Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Sir Kynaston Studd, Past Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. the Hon'ble S. Pleydell-Bouverie, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Very Wor. Bro. Sir P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary. The D.G.M. then announced the following itinerary for the Deputation: visit to Quetta—30th November to 2nd December; to Lahore—3rd December to 8th December; to Rawalpindi—8th December to 9th December; to Peshawar—



10th and 11th December; and to Delhi—12th to 14th December. The D.G.M. also gave the welcome news that though he had completed the span of 25 years service, which was the allotted period for an Indian Civil Servant, yet another sphere of duty had been found for him in the Punjab and that therefore he would continue in his present office.

The first half of 1927 witnessed heavy resignations of Brethren from Lodges (roughly 215) owing to changes in the Garrisons at the primary Military stations of Multan, Jullundur and Nowshera. Lodge "Takht-i-Suliman" showed no work for this half year and appeared to be in a phase of inertia. There were also many resignations in the latter half of 1927. The final membership at the end of the year was 2250 showing a fall of 17 from the number at the end of the previous year. As in the past, a large number of Lodges were inspected in 1927 by the District Grand Lodge Officers, and the inspection reports were uniformly good.

#### GRAND LODGE DEPUTATION

At a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 6th December, 1927, the visiting Deputation from the Grand Lodge of England, consisting of:

Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master,  
Very Wor. Bro. Sir John Ferguson, Past Grand Treasurer,  
Wor. Bro. Sir Kynaston Studd, Past Grand Deacon,  
and Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. The Hon'ble S. Pleydell-Bouverie, Deputy Grand Director  
of Ceremonies

was formally received in accordance with the ancient custom due to their high ranks. This was the first official Deputation sent out to India by the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge Deputation was escorted into the Temple by a deputation of the District Grand Lodge Officers, in customary form. An Address of Welcome to Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master and other members of the Grand Lodge Deputation, was then presented by the D.G.M., on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. In his address, the D.G.M. welcomed the Deputation on behalf of the District and, as a first duty, requested the Deputy Grand Master, on his return home, to convey to M.W. the Grand Master the respectful greetings of the Punjab District. The D.G.M. also expressed the thankfulness of the District for having had the opportunity of receiving and entertaining so distinguished a Deputation. The address included a short retrospect of the history of Freemasonry in the Punjab and of the District Grand Lodge. It also alluded to the Military character of the District which was evident from the membership of the District which comprised about 50% of Brethren who belonged to the Army and of 10 out of the 13 Past District Grand Masters who had been soldiers. In conclusion, the D.G.M. stated that he hoped that the Deputation would enjoy its tour in India and have a safe journey back to their homes when their duties were completed. After the address, Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master in his reply thanked the D.G.M. and the Brethren of the Punjab District for the heartiness of their welcome that evening and for all the hospitable preparations made for their comfort. The Deputy Grand Master expressed



gratification at the progress made by the District and hoped that it would be fully maintained. As regards the purpose of their visit the Deputy Grand Master stated:

"Sir,

I suppose no Deputation ever went forth on an important mission with so few instructions: we are not charged with the advocacy of any policy, we are not called upon to adjudicate in any matter of administration, we are not here as inspectors: we are here as your honoured and invited guests to co-operate in any work for the good of Freemasonry, and to become acquainted with your progress, achievements and aspirations. Above all we are here to make the personal acquaintance of many Brethren as we can and to exchange grips with you."

Still further, alluding to the good that Freemasonry was doing all over the world and was doing in India in particular, the Deputy Grand Master stated:—

"Masonry is a splendid reality in a troubled and distressed world: in it mankind of all ranks and creeds can find an abiding and permeating strength, a place where all can meet on the square and on the level, where so many of the difficulties of life are smoothed, difficulties often more imaginary than real, if the light of Love and Truth is brought to bear upon them. We firmly believe that there is no finer field for Masonry than India: and if our visit helps to strengthen and forward it in any way we shall be more than repaid: Brethren, the members of the Deputation are not men of leisure, and they would not be here on a joy-ride: we one and all believe that with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. Freemasonry is going to do for this country what can be done in no other way: slowly perhaps, but surely: and we regard it as a high privilege to be the first Deputation from Grand Lodge to have been chosen to visit you."

Towards the conclusion of his reply, Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master read out a personal message sent by Most Wor. the Grand Master to the Punjab District conveying his fraternal greetings to the Brethren in India, Burma and Ceylon and presented a copy of the said message personally signed by the Grand Master to the D.G.M.

The above Special Meeting was attended by roughly 100 Brethren (including visitors) representing the cream of the Fraternity in the Punjab.

At the Annual Meeting on 31st March, 1928, Wor. Bro. Cooverjee Cursetjee Mehta P.A.G. Dir. of Cers. (Eng.), P.D.G.W. (Punjab) was appointed and installed as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At that Meeting a cordial letter of thanks addressed by Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master from Delhi to the D.G.M., Punjab, thanking him on behalf of the Grand Lodge Deputation for all the trouble he and the Punjab Brethren had taken to make their visit a pleasant and instructive one, was read out by the D.G.M. Towards the conclusion of his address, the D.G.M. drew reference to the loss that Punjab



Masonry had suffered in the death at Kasauli of Wor. Bro. C.C. Mitchell who had been called to the Grand Lodge above on the 19th February, 1928. Bro. Mitchell was an old Mason, a keen and zealous supporter of the Craft and had risen to the rank of Junior Grand Warden in the Punjab District (in 1919).

On the 22nd October, 1928, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab met for the first time at the Military hill station of Quetta. In the past, the District Grand Lodge had held its Meetings at Simla, Rawalpindi and Murree on a number of occasions and at Ambala and Dalhousie on one occasion each, but never at Quetta. The Quetta Brethren had begun to feel that they were being totally ignored by the District. It was therefore decided, with a good purpose, to hold the Autumnal Meeting at Quetta, which with two Lodges with a membership of 166, could not be overlooked indefinitely. Another good reason which prompted the D.G.M. to hold the Meeting at Quetta was that he had never, during his 36 years' service in India, visited Quetta and he had for many years wished to see personally the magnificent Temple which had been built by the Quetta Brethren. Notwithstanding the extreme cold season in which that Meeting was held, a large number of visiting Brethren, the major portion of whom were from Lahore, braved the biting cold of Quetta's severe winter to be present at the Meeting.

The year 1928 also saw a reduction in the membership of the District; a feature which had persisted for the last seven years. During that year there were 128 initiations and 257 joinings, which were offset by heavy resignations amounting to 491. The number of subscribing members on the Roll of the District at the end of 1928 was 2149, a drop of 101 from the number over the previous year. There was only one Lodge, "Mayo" No. 1413 at Rawalpindi, with a membership of over 100. The reduction of the British Troops composing the Garrisons in the big Military stations of Peshawar, Nowshera, Risalpur, Rawalpindi and Quetta had affected the membership of Lodges stationed in those towns. During that year, 28 out of the 34 Lodges were inspected and the reports received were uniformly good.

On the 10th June, 1929, the death of Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston, P.D.D.G.M. and P.G. St. Br. (Eng) placed the whole of the District in great mourning. Wor. Bro. Johnston had been the District Grand Secretary, Punjab, from 1902 to 1921, the District Grand Scribe "E" Punjab, from 1901 to 1921, and the District Grand Secretary (Mark) Punjab, from 1901 to 1914. All these three Offices he had held in an Honorary capacity. He was also the Honorary Secretary, Punjab Masonic Institutions from 1896 to 1922. At the Meeting of the Board of General Purposes held at Lahore on 2nd August, 1929, a proposal was put forward to place a stained glass window in the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, above the Kitchener War Memorial, in Bro. Johnston's memory. At the Meeting of the District at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, on 7th September, 1929, the D.G.M. in a very elaborate encomium recounted the whole Masonic history of this worthy Brother and acknowledged the great obligation the District owed to him for his past services. The D.G.M. then alluded to the report of the District Board of General Purposes which incorporated a proposal for Bro. Johnston's Memorial and hoped that the Lodges would accord a proper



response to the appeal for funds to meet the cost for the stained glass window. In his address, the D.G.M. also expressed sympathy with the "Cabul River" Lodge, whose Temple at Nowshera had been destroyed by the recent disastrous floods, and intimated that he had granted a Dispensation to enable that Lodge to hold its regular Meetings in the Temple of Lodge "Hardinge" in the Cantonment at Risalpur.

The year 1929 did not witness any great change in the number of members on the Roll of the District. With 162 initiations and 249 joinings, which were balanced by 338 resignations, 60 exclusions and 20 deaths, the final number of subscribing members at the end of 1929 was 2143 as against 2149 in the previous year. Lodges "Mayo" and "Kitchener" were the only two Lodges in the District having a membership of 100 and more. 22 Lodges were inspected that year and the reports showed healthy progress. Lodge "Takht-i-Suliman" No. 3043 at Srinagar, which had been in abeyance during 1927 and 1928, was again working in 1929 and showed the largest increase in membership than any other Lodge in the District.

At the Annual District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 29th March, 1930, the report of the District Board of General Purposes dated 1st November, 1929, recommending the erection of three stained glass windows over the Kitchener War Memorial as a suitable memorial to the late Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston was passed and the D.G.M. expressed the hope that it would be found within the means of all the Masonic Bodies to contribute to the cost. The D.G.M. also pointed out that donations for the said memorial had been promised by about half the number of Lodges in the District and the total subscriptions promised to date were Rs. 4,616.

At the above Annual District Meeting, Wor. Bro. Dr. H.T. Holland, C.I.E., P.G. Deacon (Eng), was appointed as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab for the ensuing year. He was not invested, as he was absent. Reporting on the working of the Lodges in the District, the D.G.M. reported that all the Lodges had worked well. The D.G.M. also expressed appreciation for the efforts made by Lodges to substantially reduce their outstanding debts to the District Grand Lodge for quarterly dues. Commenting on the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls, which was to be held that year under the Presidentship of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Cornwallis, the D.G.M. stated that the District Grand Secretary had received donations amounting to £.169.8.0 from the Punjab Lodges and that, with 25 Guineas to be sanctioned from the District Grand Lodge Fund, would be sent to the Deputy Grand Master.

On 13th September, 1930, Wor. Bro. Dr. H.T. Holland was obligated and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab by Wor. Bro. R. Watson, P.D.D.G.M. After his investiture, Wor. Bro. Dr. H.T. Holland, as the D.D.G.M.-in-charge, addressed the Brethren and alluded to the troubled state in the North West Frontier which had caused a certain amount of dislocation of Masonic business and which had placed certain Lodges in the position of being unable to hold their Meetings owing to their Brethren being called away on Military duty. Wor. Bro. Dr. Holland expressed the anxiety that



those difficulties would most likely exist for some time to come. At that Meeting an encomium on Wor. Bro. John Tinson's services in the Punjab was also placed on record; the said Brother having been called to the Grand Lodge above on 10th May, 1930. The D.D.G.M.-in-charge stated that Wor. Bro. Tinson had come to the District many years back, already grey in the service of Masonry, and during his Masonic career in the Punjab District had shown himself to be a zealous, enthusiastic and efficient Brother. Connected with Craft Lodges in Simla and Delhi, this Brother had endeared himself to the Fraternity at those stations. The D.D.G.M. expressed the sympathy of the District to Mrs. Tinson and her daughter in their great loss.

#### BARRON RESIGNS

At the District Meeting in March, 1931, Wor. Bro. Owen Peter Clayton Roberts, P.G. Deacon (Eng.), was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. Reporting on the progress of Masonry in the District, the D.G.M. stated that he was glad to report that all the Lodges had been working steadily and regularly and that Lodge "Jamrud", regarding whose future there were at one time some doubts, had taken on a new lease of life. The D.G.M. also alluded to the proposal of the Grand Lodge to levy a contribution of 2 shillings per annum from all Lodges in the District from each of their contributing members for the maintenance of the new Masonic Memorial Grand Lodge Building and for the establishment required by the Grand Lodge for the control of the affairs of over 4500 Lodges spread out all over the world. The D.G.M. also pointed out, while referring to the District Grand Lodge Officers, that Wor. Bro. C. Cursetjee, (D.D.G.M. in 1928 and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1921) had that month attained his Masonic Jubilee by completing 50 years of active Masonic life. The D.G.M. requested the Brethren to join him in congratulating this noble Brother on a record not frequently attained in the District. Finally, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that he would be sailing for England in a few months' time and would be resigning his office and conveyed to the Brethren his final farewell. The D.G.M. stated that his seven years' tenure in the post of District Grand Master of the Punjab included his happiest and proudest moments in India and he thanked the Brethren for all the loyalty and forbearance they had shown him. The D.G.M. regretted his departure, but felt it was tempered by the thought that he was leaving behind him a District which was "thoroughly sound at heart" and imbued with the best traditions of the Order and which had, he was confident, a long and prosperous career ahead of it.

At the Autumnal Meeting in Simla, on 12th September, 1931, a resolution was moved by the District Grand Lodge expressing its hearty appreciation of the great service of Rt. Wor. Bro. C.A. Barron, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.V.O., during his seven years of office as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. On the strength of another resolution a cable reading "District Grand Lodge in session at Simla sends you hearty greetings" was approved and there and then transmitted from the Meeting and the Temple for immediate despatch to the retiring D.G.M. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. Owen P.C. Roberts, the D.D.G.M.-in-charge, paid a fitting tribute to the services rendered to the District by the retiring D.G.M.



In his address, the D.G.M. also pointed out that the new cess of 1 shilling per member passed by the Grand Lodge would take effect from January next. The D.D.G.M. finally announced that a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge would be held before the coming Annual Meeting in consonance with the policy of having as many meetings in a year as were possible to enable the District to meet at other stations outside its headquarters.

Before proceeding further, it is necessary to recount in brief, the salient features of the policy of Rt. Wor. Bro. Barron during his seven years' tenure as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. Bro. Barron believed in consolidation of interests and a close watch on the financial affairs of the District Grand Lodge. During his period of office, the District Grand Lodge paid off practically the whole debt to the Punjab Masonic Institutions from which it had taken a loan to finance the construction of the new Temple. Conservation of funds was accompanied by judicious expenditure and annual grants were set aside to permit inspection teams to visit Lodges and report on their working. As a result of this, a lot of "dead wood" in the way of members in arrears was removed and though numerous exclusions brought the number of subscribing members down, it left the Lodges with active, vigorous and healthy membership. As the ex-officio President of the Punjab Masonic Institutions, Bro. Barron took great pains in keeping a close check on its accounts and his administration of the funds was, to use the D.D.G.M.'s expression, "unsurpassed in the history of service to these Institutions". Last but not least, his desire for the promotion of the welfare and the unity of the District led him to visit the outlying stations in his charge in order to meet Brethren who, under normal conditions, hardly hoped to attend the District. At the time that Bro. Barron took charge of the District in April 1924, there were 33 Lodges on its Roll. At the time of his retirement, there were 34. The number of subscribing members at the end of 1923 was 2615 and that at the end of 1931 was 1998. The fall in the number of subscribing members may not be a fitting eulogy to Wor. Bro. Barron's services to the District, but if the healthy state of its finances, the soundness of its membership or maintenance of proper discipline, were any characteristics, then Bro. Barron's tenure must be deemed significantly fruitful.

On 7th November 1931, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held its Special Meeting in the Freemasons' Hall at Rawalpindi. The last time that the District Grand Lodge had met in Rawalpindi was in 1885 under the Banner of Lodge "Stewart". Since then there had been no Meetings in Pindi. As from 1912 the number of Meetings of the District held each year had been reduced from three to two. Apart from the annual District Meetings at Lahore, the other Autumnal Meetings usually took place at Simla in September. It was thus after many years that a Special Meeting was held (being the third of that year) at Rawalpindi.

At the November Meeting the D.D.G.M.-in-charge pointed out that that Meeting was a part of a design by the District to strengthen its bonds with the craft Lodges outside Lahore and for him, in particular, to become personally familiar with conditions outside to enable him to give the new D.G.M., when appointed, information regarding the District. In



his address, the D.D.G.M. proposed that a depository be opened at Lahore for the convenience of Lodges outside Lahore to store their old valuable records for safe custody. The object of the scheme was to provide relief to outstation Lodges for safe custody of their records and to prevent Secretaries from being subjected to anxiety and embarrassment consequent on being obliged to transfer records from one to another. The D.D.G.M.-in-charge also referred to the resignation of Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen, P.D.D.G.M., from all offices connected with the District, owing to his impending transfer to Calcutta. He stated that Dr. Owen had served the cause of Freemasonry and the District faithfully and had received every honour which was in the power of any District Grand Master to confer upon him and that his services had also been suitably recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. The D.D.G.M.-in-charge particularly mentioned, that as the founder of the Dr. Owen Bursary Fund, Wor. Bro. Owen's name would be perpetuated for all time in the District and that he was speaking for all when he expressed their regret that Wor. Bro. Owen should have felt it necessary to retire and he hoped that the Brethren would join him in the wish that Wor. Bro. Owen's well earned rest would be enhanced with the blessings of peace.

Before proceeding further, it is necessary to give an account of the progress of Masonry during the years 1930 and 1931. The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District during these years was constant at 34. The extensive Military operations in the North West Frontier adversely affected the working of the Frontier Lodges in 1930 with the result that the total membership was down by 68 from 2143 to 2075. Lodges "Mayo" and "Kitchener" were the only two Lodges with a membership of 100 and more, whilst "Jumna" with a membership of 98 was reaching the century figure. The number of subscribing members at the end of December, 1931, was 1998, showing a decrease of 77 over the figure for the previous year. Lodges "Wahab or Benevolent", "Takht-i-Suliman" and "Hazara" neither initiated, passed nor raised any Brother during the whole of that year: its working only showed joining membership.

In November, 1931, the petition of Lodge "Light in the Himalayas" No. 1448, for the temporary transfer of its Warrant from Murree to Rawalpindi was discussed in a Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held at Lahore and it was resolved to secure the views of Lodges "Mayo" and "Stewart" working in Rawalpindi, before accepting the petition. At the said Meeting, the Board also considered the application from Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 asking for a loan of Rs. 5,000 from the District Grand Lodge to assist them in building a Masonic Hall in Nowshera, which advance the Board authorised.

The District Board of General Purposes in February, 1932, took up the consideration of creating a fund for the special purpose of rendering aid to Lodges engaged in building their own Lodge premises. The Board recommended that the sum of Rs. 5,000 from the District Grand Lodge funds be utilized as a "Loan Fund" for that purpose and laid down certain terms and conditions on which such loans should be granted. The terms and conditions provided that loans would bear interest at 4% per annum and would



be repayable at the rate of Rs. 1-4-0 per member inclusive of absent members on the Roll of the Lodge at the end of each month.

By March, 1932, the installation of the Johnston Memorial windows in the District Grand Lodge Building was completed. The Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 26th March, 1932, was preceded by a Special Emergent Meeting of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 for the special purpose of dedicating the Memorial Windows to the memory of the late Wor. Bro. David E. Johnston. Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 being the Mother Lodge of the Late Wor. Bro. Johnston, the privilege of dedication was thus accorded to be performed through that Lodge. The Memorial Windows erected above the Kitchener War Memorial on the landing to the main staircase consisted of three stained glass windows incorporating the life-size pictures of Hiram King of Tyre, King Solomon and Hiram Abiff, in variegated colours. The three lights (or stained glass windows) were arranged in such a way that the words "OMNISCIENT", "OMNIPRESENT" and "OMNIPOTENT" appeared at the extreme top, one each on each of the three lights, starting from the left. Likewise, the words "TO THE", "GLORY" and "OF GOD" were similarly arranged on the three lights so that they read like one sentence, starting from left to right. The memorial inscription started from the centre light incorporating the picture of King Solomon and was an inscription on the cartouche at the foot, which read—"IN MEMORY OF WOR. BRO. DAVID E. JOHNSTON, P.G. Std. Br. (Eng.), P. Dy. D.G.M., P.A.G.D. of C. (G. Ch. Eng.)". The memorial inscriptions on the cartouche at the foot of the left and right lights incorporating the pictures of Hiram King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff read—"WHO WAS FOR MANY YEARS DIST. GRAND SECRETARY, DIST. GRAND SCRIBE "E" OF THIS DISTRICT" and "AND FROM 1896 to 1922 HONY. SECRETARY OF THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTIONS. DIED IN LAHORE, 10th June, 1929," respectively. The words "HIRAM. K of T", "SOLOMON" and "HIRAM. ABIFF" appeared above the memorial inscriptions on the three lights respectively, starting from left to right. The Dedication Ceremony was performed by Wor. Bro. Owen P.C. Roberts, D.D.G.M.-in-charge. In his address, the D.D.G.M.-in-charge recounted with thoroughness the services of the late Wor. Bro. Johnston to Freemasonry. The last two paragraphs of his address are particularly touching and may be reproduced:—

"The bare recitation of Wor. Bro. Johnston's personal services supplies the reasons for my presence as the representative of District Grand Lodge amongst you this evening. Wor. Bro. Johnston was too distinguished a son of this Lodge for the Lodge not to have to share him; and the District also lays a claim to honour him for his services but it is in recognition of your claims as a Lodge that District Grand Lodge is present with you this evening to pay this tribute to his memory from the background of his Mother Lodge to which he was so devoted. The Memorial which we shall presently proceed to dedicate to his memory and publicly unveil was subscribed for throughout the District and is both in its dignity and ornamentation an appropriate memorial to his



life and labours amongst us, emblematical of both the substantial benefits accruing to our Institutions and the grace that has been added to our charities. The subject of the Memorial, the symbolism of which is drawn from the Holy Royal Arch Degree—the coping stone of Craft Masonry—is peculiarly appropriate to a career that was crowned with service, and it gives me pleasure to know that the light which will illumine the approaches to this Temple will for all time as we shall know it, be filtered through and derive its colour from and be softened by a Memorial to one, the results of whose service to us will be at least equally lasting and I may conclude this address with the words:—

**THAT THE WINNING OF HONOURS IS BUT THE REVEALING OF A MAN'S VIRTUE.**

At the above Annual Meeting, the D.D.G.M.-in-charge formally announced the resignation of Rt. Wor. Bro. C.A. Barron, as District Grand Master of the Punjab and the nomination by M.W. the Grand Master of Wor. Bro. Canon George Dunsford Barne, as his successor. Accordingly, a resolution congratulating the D.G.M. Designate and assuring him of the loyal support of the District, was passed. At that Meeting the D.D.G.M. had to announce with regret the severe measures of retrenchment of some of the very old and faithful servants of the District Grand Lodge put into effect recently by him and pleaded that in view of the economic slump prevailing generally, the District could not bear a heavy charge on its establishment. Referring to the District Grand Lodge building, on which a great deal of repair work had been done and money had been spent, the D.D.G.M. expressed the hope that the improvements would benefit the District for many years. The D.D.G.M. could not avoid mentioning that the District had gone back to where it stood ten years ago as the new debt incurred placed the District in almost the same position as it was when it originally borrowed money to construct its Temple. At that Meeting the recommendation of the District Board permitting the grant of Rs. 5,000 to Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225, as financial assistance to enable it to construct its building, was proposed and carried.



## CANNON BARNE ASSUMES CHARGE

### CANON BARNE INSTALLED

Wor. Bro. George Dunsford Barne, C.I.E., O.B.E., V.D., Canon of the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Lahore, and Principal of the Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar, was installed as the fourteenth District Grand Master of the Punjab at a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, on 17th June, 1932. The Installation Ceremony was to be performed by Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts, P.G.D. (Eng), P.D.D.G.M., but owing to his unavoidable absence due to illness, he could not perform that duty and Wor. Bro. R. Watson, P.G.D. (Eng), P.D.D.G.M., stepped in to fill the breach. After his installation, the new D.G.M., in his address to the Brethren, promised that he would make it his business to keep a close touch with all the Masonic wards who were the charge of the Punjab Masonic Institutions, whilst on his tours in the Diocese. At that Meeting, the new D.G.M. appointed and invested Wor. Bro. Owen Peter Clayton Roberts, Member of the Legislative Council (Punjab), P.G.D. (Eng), as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. This Installation Meeting was attended by 101 Brethren, including 43 visitors.

On 1st November, 1932, the D.G.M. was Consecrated as The Bishop of Lahore at an impressive ceremony at the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Lahore. The great congregation which assembled in the Cathedral and which represented the variegated life of the Diocese included a group of nearly 100 Freemasons who attended the Church duly clothed in Craft regalia. This gave a feeling of strength and support to the D.G.M.

The progress of Masonry in the Punjab, both in the first and the second halves of 1932, was marked by heavy resignations. The general depression in the country and the inevitable hand of retrenchment, which was the general feature of the material life, had marred the hopes and aspirations of the people. In that setting, Masonry likewise was suffering. Brethren were resigning not through loss of interest, but simply because depression was hitting them hard and the family budget did not permit them to retain their membership. In fact, at the District Grand Lodge Meeting at Simla on 17th September, 1932, the D.G.M. even pointed out that the Lodges should consider the advisability of reducing their initiation fees till the crisis was over. This suggestion could not be put into effect because the fees were already low and Lodges were not in a position to reduce them further, without affecting themselves adversely. The number of subscribing members at the end of 1932 was 1914, that is, down by 84 from the figure for the previous year.

On 10th March, 1933, a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Peshawar. The position and importance of Frontier Masonry was amply proved by the fact that 75 representatives of Lodges were present and



that District Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, numbered 22. That was the first Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Peshawar and when one remembers the importance of that centre to Freemasonry and Lodge "Khyber", which was one of the Lodges that gave birth to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, it will be obvious that the Meeting was long overdue. At that Special Meeting, the D.G.M. mentioned the name of Justice Sir Allen Brice Broadway, P.D.D.G.M., who was approaching departure for England at the end of his distinguished service in the Punjab judicature, and viewed his departure as a great loss to the District. The D.G.M. mentioned that Justice Broadway was, for five years, the Deputy District Grand Master, for the last twenty years a Trustee of the Punjab Masonic Institutions, for many years a senior member of the Board of General Purposes and otherwise a Brother who had set an example to all by his zeal and loyal and unselfish work.

On 13th March, 1933, the D.G.M. visited Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225, in its new building at Nowshera, and on 20th March, 1933, dedicated the new Temple of Lodge "Kohat" which the Brethren of that frontier station bearing the same name as their Lodge, had built and designed to serve as their permanent home.

On 1st April, 1933, Wor. Bro. Colonel Frank Alexander Finnis, C.B., O.B.E., P.D.S.G.W., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At the said Annual Meeting a loan of Rs. 3,000 to Lodge "Kohat," previously recommended by the District Board of General Purposes, to assist that Lodge in building a Masonic Hall in Kohat, was approved and passed.

Turning to Masonry in England, two very important projects were completed in 1933 to which the Lodges of the Punjab District had contributed. The first was the opening of the Freemasons' Hospital by His Majesty the King Emperor on 12th July, 1933, and the second was the Dedication Ceremony of the new Grand Temple, Masonic Peace Memorial, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Field Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., on 19th July, 1933.

The Royal Masonic Hospital in London was opened by His Majesty The King Emperor, in the presence of the Queen, The Duke of Connaught, the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, Lord Wakefield and many other distinguished public men. At the Opening Ceremony, Wor. Bro. H. J. Lock, the Foreman Mason of the Building, was, according to the King's wishes, specially presented to His Majesty as a Representative of the operative Masons. The Royal Masonic Hospital was one of the finest in the world and planned to accommodate Freemasons and their families in the atmosphere of a home rather than a Hospital.

The Dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Field Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., was an event of interest to the whole of England and Freemasons all over the world. The Masonic Peace Memorial, built in memory of Masonic Brethren who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, marked the triumph of one of many outstanding leads given by Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the Craft. Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Guildford, the



Grand Chaplain, who delivered the Oration, pointed out that the Ceremony of Dedication marked, not the closing of a great work but rather the preface of a volume still to be written of extended usefulness and service. The two Masonic Architects appointed for the construction of that great Temple and War Memorial were Wor. Bro. H. V. Ashley F.R.I.B.A., P.G.D. (Eng) and Wor. Bro. Winton Newman, F.R.I.B.A., P. Asstt. G. Supdt. of Works (Eng.).

To commemorate the Dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial, Most Worshipful the Grand Master authorised all Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer certain Provincial and District Grand Ranks in their Provinces and Districts. Accordingly, the D.G.M. conferred, on the under-noted Brethren, Past District Grand ranks as follows:—

- Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. Price, O.B.E.,  
Past District Grand Junior Warden.
- Wor. Bro. G. E. Mould, Past District Grand Junior Deacon.
- Wor. Bro. W. G. Gingell, M.B.E.,  
Past District Grand Sword-Bearer.
- Wor. Bro. Capt. A. W. Elliott,  
Past District Grand Standard-Bearer.

As an additional commemoration for the same event, M. W. the Grand Master conferred the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England on Wor. Bro. G. Reeves-Brown.

At the District Meeting at Simla, on 9th September, 1933, the D.G.M. referred to the proceedings of the Dedication Ceremony of the Masonic Peace Memorial on July 19th, and the opening of the Royal Masonic Hospital on July 12th, and gave a vivid account of the ceremonials in their minutest details. The D.G.M. stated that the ceremony of the dedication of the Peace Memorial far surpassed in scope and form any Masonic ceremony worked or witnessed till then, and stated that it would serve as the best example available to the Fraternity of Masonic ceremonial and thoroughness. The D.G.M. further stated that the Memorial building represented the peak in English Freemasonry and that the nation was obviously as proud of it as were the members of the Craft.

In March, 1934, Wor. Bro. Herbert Leonard Offley Garrett, M.A. (Cantab), F.R.H.S., C.I.E., O.B.E., V.D., Principal of the Government College, Lahore, and a Lieut.-Colonel in the Auxiliary Force in India, was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At that Annual Meeting, the D.G.M., reporting on the state of Masonry in the District, said that from his personal knowledge he was sure that the spirit of the Fraternity was sound and that the Fraternity could look back on a year of earnest and useful work. The D.G.M. referred with sincere regret to the passing away of Wor. Bro. W.A. Peach, P.D.G. Ch., who, for many years, had been a tower of



strength to Masonry throughout the Frontier, where he had spent many years of active Masonic service. Winding up his address, the D.G.M. introduced the subject of the Annual Festival that was to be held some time in the coming months in connection with the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls under the Presidency of one of the Provincial Grand Masters, and hoped that it would be supported by the combined Districts in India and Burma, with the Punjab District accepting a responsibility for raising a portion of an agreed sum to be contributed by all. At that Meeting, a very beautiful set of Gavels for the use of the District Grand Lodge was presented to the D.G.M. on behalf of Colonel G.I. Davys, O.B.E., P.G.D. (Eng.). These Gavels were made from the handrail of the staircase which led up to the Grand Temple in the building in London which was demolished to make room for the new Masonic Peace Memorial.

On 8th May, 1934, Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts, P.G.D. (Eng.), P.D.D.G.M., breathed his last. This news was received with sorrow in the District, For upwards of thirteen years Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts had been a senior member of the District Board of General Purposes and since 1925 had presided over its deliberations as President. At the Autumnal Meeting of the District on 8th September, 1934, the D.G.M. eulogized Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts' great services to the District and intimated that a Committee had been formed to consider how his memory could be perpetuated.

On 27th June, 1934, Her Majesty The Queen opened the new Masonic School for Girls at Rickmansworth, England, erected by the Masonic Fraternity at a cost of £ 350,000. At the Autumnal Meeting of the District held on 8th September, 1934, the D.G.M. alluded to this incident and stated that the Festival for the Girls School held some-time back and presided over by Rt. Wor. Bro. Earl Darby, had realized no less than £ 193,899-7-6.

In December, 1934, the D.G.M. accompanied by a team of District Grand Lodge Officers dedicated to Freemasonry the new Masonic building in Ferozepur. Three months later, on 19th March, 1935, the D.G.M. dedicated in Abbottabad a new Temple Room which the Brethren of Lodge "Hazara" No. 4159, had built as their permanent home.

At the District Grand Lodge Meeting on 30th March, 1935, a resolution was passed recommending to the Fraternity to celebrate in a fitting and Masonic manner the auspicious event of Their Most Gracious Majesties' twentyfifth anniversary of their august reign and to support all approved local efforts being made to celebrate the occasion. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the passing away of Wor. Bro. Canon Maunsell, who was for many years an active member of various District Committees, and Bro. Beard, who throughout his long life had maintained an active and useful connection with the Craft in the Punjab.

On 4th April, 1935, the Brethren in Delhi laid the foundation of a new Lodge building. His Excellency the Viceroy laid the foundation stone and the D.G.M., assisted by a number of District Grand Lodge Officers, consecrated the stone. A brief flashback with regard to events leading up to this occasion will be appropriate here. The need for a large Masonic Temple at Delhi to serve as the focal point for all Masonic Lodges, Chapters,



Preceptories, etc., working there, had been felt for many years. However, it was not until 22nd March, 1922, that a Meeting of sixteen influential Masons was held at Freemasons' Hall, Kudsia Gardens, Delhi, under the Presidentship of Wor. Bro. Col. R. A. Needham, C.I.E., D.S.O., to consider the prospects of forming an Association based on the lines of the Association of the Masonic Fraternity in Simla so as to build a Masonic Temple at Delhi. It appears that this ad-hoc group did not meet until October, 1925, when speedy steps were taken to form a Masonic Association and to give a legal status to it. Accordingly, a body registered under the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913, under the name "Masonic Fraternity of Delhi" was formed and registered in November that year. The first Annual General Meeting of the Masonic Fraternity of Delhi was held in January, 1926, and Wor. Bro. Sir Basil Blackett (then Finance Member of the Government of India) was elected its President. Prior to the formation of the Association, great work had been done by Wor. Bro. Needham to secure from Government a suitable site for a Masonic Temple at New Delhi, which ultimately crystallised in 1927 when the perpetual lease of a site was registered on 4th March at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Delhi Province. The said site consisted of 3 Acres of land, bounded on the North by the American Barracks (housing the Cottage Industries' Emporium), on the South by Hotel Imperial, on the East by Queensway, and on the West by Jantar Mantar. Wor. Bro. Blackett continued as President of the Association till he left for the U. K. whereafter Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Mr. S. R. Dass continued as President for a few months in 1928, Wor. Bro. Flemming for a few months in 1928, Rt. Wor. Bro. Major-General H.H. Maharaja Adhiraj of Patiala from 1929 to 1931, Wor. Bro. Lt.-General H.H. Maharaj Adhiraj of Bikaner from 1931 to 1933 and Wor. Bro. Sir Maneckji B. Dadabhoy from 1933 to the date that the foundation stone of the Masonic Temple was laid in New Delhi. The original plans called for an expenditure of rupees two lacs for the building of the Temple, but due to the general depression then prevailing in the country, the Fraternity was not even able to collect rupees one lac. With great difficulty sums were collected and the original plans were even tailored down. The Chief Commissioner, Delhi Province, had been pressing hard for the Fraternity to complete its Temple or face forfeiture of the lease and eviction. Accordingly, matters were hurried up and new plans and estimates were prepared limiting the cost of construction to Rs. 65,000 and Bro. F.B. Blomfield was appointed as the Architect to design the Temple, prepare drawings and superintend the construction of the work. The foundation stone was ultimately laid by His Excellency Lord Willingdon, Viceroy of India, who, luckily for the Fraternity, was its Patron.

The demise of Wor. Bro. Dr. C. A. Owen, the founder of the Owen Bursary Fund, in April, 1935, was received by the District with deep sorrow and grief. The District Board of General Purposes at its Meeting held on 3rd May, 1935, placed on record its deep regret at the loss of such a valued and experienced ex-member of the District Board and one who had served the District for many years.

The Quetta earthquake in May, 1935, which brought death and desolation to so many in that Military outpost in the mid-West Frontier, caused immense grief all over India. The beautiful Temple built by the Masons at Quetta was irreparably damaged. Only one room was left to be utilized as a Meeting



place whilst the building as a whole was given up as lost and one requiring replacement. Lodge "Bolan" (SC) lost four Brothers and Lodge "McMahon" No. 3262 two Brothers. Lodge "Quetta" No. 2333 was the only Lodge that did not suffer any casualty. The Quetta Garrison was shifted temporarily out of Quetta and the two Lodges "Quetta" No. 2333 and "McMahon" No. 3262 were affected badly. An appeal by the Viceroy of India for the Quetta Relief Fund brought forth a magnificent response and roughly Rs. 5,000 was subscribed by the individual Brethren, the Lodges and the District. Notwithstanding the heavy calls made on the Fraternity earlier by the Silver Jubilee Fund and the Punjab Masonic Institutions, the Brethren were not unmindful of their responsibilities to the sufferers in that calamity stricken town.

At the Autumnal District Meeting at Rawalpindi, on 22nd October, 1935, the D.G.M., in the course of his address, referred to the disruption in the membership caused to the Frontier Lodges by the Military operation in the Mohmand territory which had created temporary difficulties in the running of those Lodges. The D.G.M. also stated that an application from the Wor. Master of Lodge "Jamrud" No. 4372 for Dispensation to hold his Meetings in Nahakki Village in Mohmand territory had been granted by him and he felt that the torch of Masonry which had been carried to that far flung outpost, proved the vitality of the District. At that Meeting the D.G.M. also referred to the death, a few months back of the late Wor. Bro. Frank Slade, for many years a prominent Mason in the Punjab District, and to the bequest made by him, namely, the grant of his regalia and twenty-four jewels to the District, which the D.G.M. pointed out, would form the nucleus for a District Collection of Founder or P.M.'s Jewels. The D.G.M. requested the Brethren to assist in adding to that collection, which gifts would be much appreciated. At that Meeting the recommendation of the District Board with regard to the question of the Memorial to the memory of the late Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts was approved. That recommendation provided that a sum of Rs. 3,000 be collected by the Lodges to be invested as a supplement to the Owen Bursary Fund so as to form the foundation of an Owen Roberts Scholarship and that a suitable Memorial Tablet be placed in the main Building and the cost thereof be charged to the funds of the District.

Further, at the above Meeting, the D.G.M. also referred to the deaths of Most Wor. Bro. Lord Amptill, Provincial Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, and Rt. Hon'ble Lord Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. Similarly, the news of the deaths of Wor. Bros. Sir Basil Blackett, Past Warden of the Punjab District, and Alexander Irving Sleigh, Past District Grand Warden, were communicated to the Brethren. The District was placed in Masonic mourning for six months in respect of the deaths of Lord Amptill and Lord Cornwallis.

As stated above, Lodge "Jamrud" No. 4372 was granted permission to hold its Meetings in Nahakki Village on the plain of Kamalai in Mohmand territory. This was during the "Mohforce" operations. A copy of the By-Laws of "Jamrud" (1956 Ed.) gives an interesting account of one of such Meetings during their active service. The account states that the Lodge was held in the open in a straw covered yard "under the canopy of stars"



with mud heaps for the furniture, improvised pick hafts for wands and the actual working tools of the Sappers and Miners for squares and compasses.

In January, 1936, the Special Sub-Committee appointed to investigate the question of establishment, quarterly dues, etc., arising out of the representation made by certain Lodges for a reduction in fees and charges etc., met to discuss those questions. The Quarterly Levy of Rs. 2.00 per head, introduced in the year 1919, included the undernoted sums:—

General Fund	..	Rs. 1-0-0
Building Fund	..	Rs. 0-8-0
Fund of Benevolence	..	Rs. 0-8-0
Total:	..	<u>Rs. 2-0-0</u>

The said Sub-Committee recommended a number of retrenchments to the staff employed by the District Grand Lodge and the reduction of the General Fund Levy from Rs. 1 per quarter to Rs. 0-12-0 per quarter. This recommendation was accepted by the District Board of General Purposes on 1st May, 1936, with the condition that the reduction should remain in force for a tentative period of three years and that the matter be re-considered at the end of that period. Notice of motion for the change in the By-Laws was given at the Autumnal Meeting of the District on 12th September, 1936, and the amendment was confirmed in the Annual Meeting on 3rd April, 1937.

The demise of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V in early January, 1936, led to the District being again placed in mourning for a period of three months from 21st January, 1936.

At the Annual Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 25th April, 1936, Wor. Bro. Brigadier Reginal Stuart Abbott, M.C., Past Grand Warden of the Punjab District, was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated that Rt. Hon'ble the Earl of Harewood, K.G., etc., had been installed as Pro. Grand Master and General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., etc., as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The D.G.M. also mentioned that the United Grand Lodge had circulated an appeal to all the Lodges and Chapters under the English Constitution for financial assistance, not exceeding One Guinea from each Lodge and Chapter, to meet the estimated cost of £ 10,000 required for constructing the new earthquake proof building at Quetta, which had been struck down by the earthquake.

In September, 1936, the D.G.M. alluded to the encouraging manner in which Quetta Masonry was rising from the ruins of the great earthquake and mentioned that both the Lodges "Quetta" and "McMahon" were recovering rapidly. The D.G.M. also intimated the gratifying news that His Gracious Majesty the King (Edward VIII) had been pleased to accept the rank of Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, an honour which would give great satisfaction to the Fraternity.



Before proceeding further, it is necessary to pause and review the statistics with regard to the working in the District during the years 1933-1936. The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District during these years remained the same at 34. As regards membership, the over-all results were displeasing, though intrinsically the Lodges were working vigorously and making every effort to bring in fresh blood. The year 1933 saw a slight increase in the number of initiates as over the previous year, but the number of resignations due to transfer and retirement was somewhat heavy. Since exclusions that year were slightly fewer, the net result was that the number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 1924, higher by 11 over the figure for the previous year. Unfortunately, this progress could not be maintained in the year 1934 as there were 23 deaths as against 5 in the previous year, and 64 exclusions as against 40 in the previous year. Whilst referring to the progress made by Masonry in the District in that year, the D.G.M. stated that he felt that times of depression were slowly passing. The D.G.M. further pointed out that many Lodges had done active work, specially Lodge "Mayo" which headed the list with 12 initiates, followed by "Jumna", "Quetta", "Jamrud", and "Kohat" with 8 each. However, the net result of subscribing members at the end of December, 1934, was down by 63 to 1861. The year 1935 did not show any improvement. The Military operations in Mohmand territory in the North West Frontier, the clouds of depression and financial stress in the country in general and the dreadful earthquake at Quetta with its suffering and distress, were events which marked 1935 as a year of great unhappiness. The hope that the D.G.M. had expressed in the previous year that the lifting of the cloud of depression would bring about some revival in the progress of Masonry, was not realized. Although initiations during the year showed only a small diminution, resignations took a heavy toll. The number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 1773, showing a heavy drop of 88. The year 1936 was no better. It witnessed great activity with 122 new entrants and 209 joining members, but the good work stood off-set by resignations totalling 302 and exclusions and deaths 43. Lodges "Jumna" and "Mayo" were largely affected by resignations. The number of members at the end of that year was 1765.

Lodge "Quetta" No. 2333 did excellent work in 1936, and closed with 16 members more than the number on January 1st. Side by side, Lodge "MacMahon" No. 3262 also added to its numbers, thus reflecting great credit to the keenness of the zealous Masons in that earthquake ravaged town of Quetta.

In the first quarter of 1937, the District lost two of its greatest gems, namely, Wor. Bros. Richard Watson and K.B. Cooverji Cursetjee Mehta, who were called to the Grand Lodge above on 18th and 20th March, 1937, respectively. The late Bro. Watson had been initiated in Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 in the year 1882, and for upwards of 54 years had rendered great service to Masonry. Regarded as the Father of Masonry in the District, the late Wor. Bro. Watson, left behind an inspiring example of a life spent in service to God and fidelity to his Brethren and to the Craft, to which he was deeply attached. Wor. Bro. Cursetjee, aged 78, was in his fifty-fifth year of active membership in the Craft when he was called to the Grand Lodge Above. Initiated in Lodge "Light



in the Himalayas" No. 1448 in the year 1881, he had maintained active membership, seldom missing a Meeting, and left a glorious example of faithful and loyal service. At the Annual District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 3rd April, 1937, the Acting D.G.M. paid a fitting tribute to these two worthy Brothers, whereafter the Brethren, turning to the East, stood to order in silence, in respect to their memory. The District and all Lodges thereunder were placed in mourning for two months in memory of these two greatly lamented friends.

The above Annual District Meeting was attended among others by Wor. Bro. Justice J.H. Monroe, Grand Inspector of Irish Freemasonry in India. Wor. Bro. Justice Monroe was a judge of the High Court of Judicature at Lahore. In the investiture of officers that took place at that Meeting, Wor. Bros. Major V.C. Alderson, M.C., and Major-General Nawab Khusru Jung, C.I.E., were appointed District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively.

The year 1937 witnessed the Coronation of His Majesty the King Emperor George VI in England. Just after that event, a Special Grand Lodge Meeting was held in the Albert Hall, London, on 30th June, 1937, in celebration of the Coronation. Over nine thousand Rulers in the Craft, including more than one hundred Grand Lodge Officers, ten Past District Grand Masters and twenty-six reigning Provincial and District Grand Masters were present. The District Grand Master of the Punjab also attended that Meeting. In the absence of M.W. the Grand Master, who could not attend due to illness, the Grand Lodge was opened by M.W. the Pro. Grand Master. His Most Gracious Majesty the King was then admitted and invested as Past Grand Master, after which His Majesty occupied the Throne and M.W. the Pro. Grand Master retired. The business of Grand Lodge was conducted by His Most Gracious Majesty the King, after which it was duly closed. The Special Meeting was a very inspiring one. In commemoration of the Coronation, M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to confer the rank of Past G.D. of C. (Eng.) on Wor. Bro. Bhagat Ram Khanna. Pursuant to authority granted by M.W. the Grand Master on all Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer Provincial or District Grand ranks in commemoration of the same occasion, the D.G.M. conferred the following ranks on the undernoted Brethren:

Wor. Bro. Chas. Grey	Past District Junior Grand Warden
Wor. Bro. A.O. Quigley	Past District Grand Chaplain.
Wor. Bro. Capt. H.C. Ingle	Past District Grand Senior Deacon.
Wor. Bro. G.H. Allen	Past District Grand Junior Deacon.

The Autumnal Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Peshawar, on 18th September, 1937. The continuance of Military operations in Waziristan prevented many Brethren connected with the Frontier Lodges from being present, but nevertheless the Meeting was well attended.



The progress of Lodges during the first half of 1937 was commendable and Lodges "Devon," "Wahab or Benevolent" and "Charity" showed considerable activity. By the end of the year, Lodge "Wahab" showed 12 initiates and 8 joining members, Lodge "Devon" 9 initiates and 6 joinings, and Lodge "Charity" 7 initiates and 10 joinings respectively. Though 121 Grand Lodge Certificates were issued in the year 1937, the resignations precluded the District from showing any increase in total membership. The number of subscribing Brethren at the end of December was 1717. In that year, 26 Lodges and 14 Chapters subscribed towards His Majesty's Anti-Tuberculosis Fund, thus proving once again their love for charity.

At the Annual Meeting in March, 1938, Wor. Bro. Lieut-Colonel Alan MacDonald Dick, C.B.E., V.H.S., I.M.S., Honorary Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, P.G.Swd. Br. (Eng.), P.D.J.G.W., was invested and appointed as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. At that Meeting the D.G.M. informed the Brethren that a sum of £ 6,250 had been collected by the Grand Lodge for the Quetta Rebuilding Fund, which Fund had been inaugurated by the Pro. Grand Master in 1935 just after the great Quetta earthquake.

On 19th May, 1938, Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, Simla, completed its Centenary. This Lodge thus joined that small and very select group of Lodges distinguished by their possession of Centenary Warrants. Up to that time, there were only 11 Lodges in India with Centenary Warrants, the doyen of them all being Lodge "Star in the East" No. 67, Calcutta, dating from as far back as 1740. Accordingly, at the Autumnal Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at the Freemasons' Hall, Simla, on 10th September, 1938, the Centenary Warrant was presented to Wor. Bro. A.C. Woods, Wor. Master of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood," by the D.G.M. in person. Before the presentation, the D.G.M. briefly alluded to the manner in which this Lodge had sustained itself, through times of great stress and turmoil, and heartily congratulated it on having survived and done such useful work to establish its claim to the Centenary Warrant.

At the above Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated that the work in the District was continuing satisfactorily, although resignations due to Military movements and transfers were very heavy and prevented the District from showing an increase in its membership. The D.G.M. specially referred to Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 in the North West Frontier which was shortly to lose no fewer than 19 of its members due to change of Regiments at Peshawar.

On 1st June, 1938, the District Board of General Purposes held a special and strictly confidential Meeting to discuss certain matters arising out of the ramifications of the Downie case. Before dealing with this Meeting, a brief flash back is necessary. In early May 1937 a lad presented himself at the office of the District Grand Secretary claiming assistance and protection as a Mason and was placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Punjab Masonic Institutions. The Trustees investigating the case found that a P.M. of Lodge "Industry" (by profession, a lawyer), who had been appointed the executor and



trustee of the child's estate by his deceased father, had misappropriated the estate. The Trustees thereupon gave the boy legal and financial assistance. A suit was filed by Mr. Norman Edmunds, Barrister-at-Law, and the High Court in April, 1938, gave judgment in favour of the child. Unfortunately, when legal proceedings were initiated, certain senior members of Lodge "Industry" No. 1485 aroused the other members against the Secretary, P.M.I., and one of its Trustees. What followed lacked decorum, good-will and discipline. At the instance of certain Past Masters, resolutions were passed by the Lodge and its Committee boycotting a future D.G.L. Meeting and, at the instance of two Past Masters, a statement of charges was pressed against the Secretary, P.M.I. and one of its Trustees. The Wor. Master and certain other Brethren of Lodge "Industry" at a subsequent Meeting, disassociated themselves from the earlier resolutions and the charge. Eleven Brethren responsible for passing the earlier resolutions were duly summoned by the District Board of General Purposes to answer the complaint of the D.G.M. as to their un-Masonic behaviour. The two Brethren who had signed the Statement of Charges were likewise summoned to prove, or else withdraw, their charges. At the Board Meeting on 1st June, 1938, out of the eleven Brethren summoned to answer for their share in initiating the resolutions, nine neither disassociated themselves from the impugned resolutions nor answered questions placed by members of the Board, but, assumed a wholly obstructive attitude. The two Brethren summoned to prove their statement of charges, or else to withdraw the same, refused to do either and withdrew from the Meeting. Evidence was therefore taken and the charges were found unproved and the same were dismissed. In view of the contumacious attitude adopted by the nine P.M.'s. involved, the Board found them guilty of the violation of Ancient Charges Nos. 10 and 12 and suspended them forthwith sine die and recommended their expulsion to the Grand Lodge. [Their appeals later to the Grand Lodge were also dismissed.]

Following close on the heels of the above incident, the District Board of General Purposes had to concern itself with further serious matters regarding the state of affairs in Lodge "Sutlej" No. 1442, Amritsar. Private quarrels and jealousies, resulting in black balling and dead lock in the working of the Lodge almost brought that Lodge to a standstill. The Board held three sittings, one each in November, 1938, January, 1939, and February, 1939, to investigate the matter. The Board was called upon to consider the complaint of the D.G.M. issued to the Wor. Master and Wardens and a large number of Brethren of that Lodge to show cause why the Lodge and they should not be suspended. However, full apologies and regrets saved the situation, and the Board permitted the Lodge to continue.

During the year 1938, the District issued 127 Certificates. Notwithstanding heavy claims made by resignations, the year closed with a total membership of 1728, that is to say 11 more than the previous year. Lodge "Khyber" was particularly badly hit by 32 resignations. Lodges "Mayo", "Quetta" and "Charity" showed appreciable increases in their initiations and joinings.



At the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 16th March, 1939, the D.G.M. informed the Brethren of the relinquishment of the office of Grand Master by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, due to advanced age. The D.G.M. intimated that the Grand Master's 38 years' tenure of office was the longest in the history of the United Grand Lodge and by far the most fruitful and successful. On behalf of the Punjab Brethren, the D.G.M. wished the Grand Master many years of health to enjoy the leisure for which he had found it necessary to press his resignation. The impending appointment of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as the new Grand Master was also conveyed to the Brethren at the said Meeting.

At the above Meeting, amongst the visitors, the undernoted distinguished Brethren were present:

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| Rt. Wor. Bro. Justice J.H. Monroe | Grand Inspector for all Irish Masonry in India.                     |
| Rt. Wor. Bro. Major A.G. Campbell | Grand Superintendent of all Scottish Freemasonry in Northern India. |
| V. Wor. Bro. A. Gee               | Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of Ireland.                       |

In May, 1939, the D.G.M. officiated at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Quetta Masonic Hall. As one will recall, an appreciable amount had been collected for this purpose on the appeal of the Pro. Grand Master. Quetta Brethren were thus speedily erecting their new Temple.

On 19th July, 1939, H.R.H. George Edward Alexander Edmund, Duke of Kent, was invested and installed as M.W. the Grand Master at a Special Grand Lodge held in Olympia, London. Thirteen thousand Rulers in the Craft, representative of the English Craft all over the world, were present to witness the Installation. There were representatives of some 46 Grand Lodges from all parts of the world. His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI personally conducted the ceremonies of the Installation of his brother into the Grand Master's Chair. The address with which His Majesty personally welcomed the new Grand Master, makes interesting reading, and is here reproduced:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to come here to-day to install you, my own Brother, as Grand Master of English Freemasonry.

As you know, except for one period of thirty years, a member of our House has occupied the Throne of Grand Master for over a century and a half. For the past sixty-five years this Throne has been filled first by our Grandfather, King Edward VII, and then by our Great Uncle, the Duke of Connaught, who is beloved by men and Masons, throughout the world. During this period, English Freemasonry has prospered in a remarkable manner. It will be no easy task for any Mason to follow in their footsteps



but I have every confidence that you will succeed in the office to which you have been elected by your Brethren.

This great and representative gathering of recognised Freemasons, who have come from all quarters of the Globe to greet you on this occasion, will indicate to you the support you may expect in the future. You know that you have my good wishes, and as a Brother Mason, I shall always follow with great interest your Rulership of the Craft and the progress of our Order."

To commemorate the above historic event, M.W. the Grand Master authorised all Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer certain Provincial or District Grand ranks, pursuant to which the D.G.M. conferred the following past ranks on the under-noted Brethren:—

Wor. Bro. A. Gilbert	Past District Senior Grand Warden.
Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. J.J. Harper Nelson	Past District Grand Senior Deacon.
Wor. Bro. Col. R.J. Wilkinson	Past District Grand Junior Deacon.
Wor. Bro. S.C. Cursetjee	Past District Grand Sword Bearer.

**THE SECOND GREAT WAR** Before the year ran out, the horrors of war plunged the world again into misery and distress. Thus the Masonic District faced another period of fluctuating changes and its members, constant movements. Sudden Military transfers, which some years back had not been so frequent, became routine and the Lodges found themselves facing large scale resignations.

The year 1939 was very disturbed and Masonry was adversely affected. Resignations resulted in a loss of some 30 members to the District. The two Lodges heading the list showing increase in membership were "Light in the Himalayas" and "MacMahon." Though 127 Grand Lodge Certificates were issued during the year, the number of members at the end of December was 1688, a loss of 40 over the figure for the previous year. As regards the charities, the total collections to the Punjab Masonic Institutions was down by an appreciable figures, a somewhat surprising feature, but this was in a way made up by a sum of Rs. 2,000 odd specially subscribed by the Punjab Masons to the North of India Almshouses Scheme for which a special appeal had been made by the D.G.M. that year.

In March, 1940, Wor. Bro. Colin Campbell Garbett, C.S.I., C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S., F.R.G.S., P.D.G.Rg., was invested and installed as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab.

On 5th April, 1940, a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Quetta, to coincide with the Dedication Ceremony of the new Temple, fixed for that day. The D.G.M. pointed out the truly historic occasion of that Meeting,



for the Brethren had just taken part in the dedication of a new temple to replace the one which had been rendered unsafe. For the spirit of the old temple, in which was enshrined the great Masonic tradition, had passed into the new building. The D.G.M. specially referred to the services of Bro. J.A. Bowden, the Architect, who had been responsible for the construction of the new Temple.

The question of the position of Brethren of enemy nationality in Lodges under the English Constitution was considered by the Grand Lodge in its Meeting held in March, 1940, in a thorny debate, and it was finally decided that a Brother who was a national of a State with which Great Britain was at War should not be allowed to attend or be admitted to any Masonic Meeting held under the English Constitution. At the said Meeting, the question of exemption from payment of subscriptions by Brethren serving in the armed forces was considered and it was resolved that except in a case where a Brother was financially embarrassed by reason of the war, the obligation to maintain subscriptions was not to be entirely removed, but a reduced rate should be established. The said decisions were brought to the attention of the District, at its Meeting held on 10th August, 1940, by the D.G.M. and the Lodges were directed to comply with them.

The year 1940 presented varied problems to Masonic Lodges, sometimes making their efficient running, impossible. However, Masons rallied round and accepted responsibilities and thus enabled Lodges to carry on their activity. The D.G.M. gave sanction to two Lodges to waive a portion of their joining fees, as they deemed fit, provided that Grand Lodge and District dues were not so waived. Heavy resignations in the year 1940, totalling 236, off-set 110 initiations and 180 joinings, with the result that the number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 1672. Lodges "Mayo" and "Phulkian" headed the list of initiates with 10 each and Lodges "Quetta," "Stewart" and "Light in the Himalayas" headed the list of joinings with 23, 15 and 11 respectively.

At the Annual Meeting of the District in 1941, the D.G.M. announced the creation of the Masonic War Fund by M.W. the Grand Master to which Masonic jewels held by Masters and Past Masters could be surrendered, melted down and the proceeds of the bullion realised therefrom presented to His Majesty's treasury as a Masonic War Gift. The D.G.M. intimated that the scheme had met immediate success in England and over £ 10,000 sterling had been subscribed. The D.G.M. suggested that the more practical way in which the Punjab Masons could support the Punjab District Masonic Jewel War Fund would be for each Brother possessing a jewel to value the cost of the silver or gold which it contained and to donate an equivalent amount to the Fund. Apart from this Grand Lodge Fund, the D.G.M. also requested the Lodges to consider placing their investments at the disposal of the Government for the period of the war interest-free and mentioned that his appeal in that regard made earlier had already met immediate response and that roughly Rs. 10,000 had already been invested in interest-free War Bonds by many of the Lodges in the District.



At the above Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the sad loss the District had experienced by the death of Wor. Bro. Major C.W. Kerr, who had died in Delhi, on 25th January, 1941. Initiated in 1898 in Lodge "Sutlej", Major Kerr had been an active Mason for roughly 43 years. Apart from being the founder of Lodge "Hardinge" and Lodge "Messopotamia," Bro. Kerr had been for 36 years a member of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" and for 33 years a member of Lodge "Mayo." In memory of the said worthy Brother, the D.G.M. requested the Brethren to stand and turn to the East, which was accordingly done.

At the Autumnal Meeting at Rawalpindi, on 22nd October, 1941, the D.G.M. drew the attention of the Brethren to the suggestion made by V. Wor. the Grand Secretary that the designation of the Punjab District Masonic Jewel War Fund be changed to the "Punjab Masonic War Relief Fund," so as to dispel any view that the Fund was only open to Masters or Past Masters who were in possession of Jewels and also to enable all Brethren to subscribe to the Fund. The D.G.M. stated that the Fund at that date stood at Rs. 5,160. As regards the appeal made previously that Lodges should place their investments in Interest-Free War Bonds, the D.G.M. intimated that 18 Lodges in the District had invested the sum of roughly Rs. 30,700 in such Bonds. Reviewing the scope of Masonry in the District, the D.G.M. pointed out that too many Masons remained who had not come forward to rejoin the Fraternity at that very difficult time and had not realized what a great field of service lay within their power to perform for the Institution. The D.G.M. appealed to all such Brethren to join again and assist the Craft in replacing those members who had proceeded overseas or had been transferred.

Pursuant to the appeal of the D.G.M., Brethren began to join and rejoin Lodges and this was reflected in the overall working of the Lodges for the year 1941. Notwithstanding difficulties being experienced by Lodges in consequence of the sudden removal of the Brethren by Military movements, the number of subscribing Brethren at the end of the year was higher by 24 over the figure for the previous year. Lodges "Charity," "Hardinge" and "Northern Star" headed the list of Lodges showing addition in their overall membership. Lodge "Light in the Himalayas" suffered heavily through exclusions and Lodges "Quetta" and "Roos-Keppel" through resignations. The number of subscribing members at the end of December, 1941, was 1696. The war, with its untold miseries and hardship was focusing men's minds on the high principles on which Freemasonry was based and many persons were turning to the Craft to find mental peace and contentment. This explained the up-swing in membership, notwithstanding the very disturbed conditions, and was reminiscent of a similar upward trend prevailing during the latter half of the First Great War (1914-18).

The death of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, on 16th January, 1942, was received by the District with great shock. The Past Grand Master, all his life, had been an ardent promoter of the Craft and had great attachment with the Indian sub-continent, including the Punjab District. Initiated in March, 1874, His Royal Highness had held such high offices as Provincial



Grand Master for Sussex, District Grand Master for Bombay, and Pro. Grand Master, before his election in 1901 as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. During his rulership of the English Craft from 1901 to 1939, over 3000 Lodges had been added to the Roll of the Grand Lodge. The Peace Memorial and the Headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England, which were completed and dedicated in 1933, were fitting tributes to the great love which the Brethren all over the world bore for him. At the Special Meeting of the District held in New Delhi on 16th February, 1942, the D.G.M. paid a befitting tribute to the said Past Grand Master, whereafter, Brethren stood to order and turned to the East in solemn silence, in memory and remembrance of the said deceased.

At the Annual Meeting in March, 1942, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Victor Clarkson Alderson, M.C., was appointed as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. Unfortunately due to his unavoidable absence, he was not invested that day. Wor. Bros. Sir Maurice Gwyer, and F.G. White were appointed and invested as District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively.

At the above District Meeting, the D.G.M. called the attention of Brethren to the necessity of increasing the quarterly levy (covering the Fund of Benevolence) from eight annas to one rupee to increase the District Fund of Benevolence and so create a reserve which the District could hope to utilize to assist Brethren in distress consequent to the war and its aftermath.

The death of M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, on 25th August, 1942, placed the English Craft again in great sorrow. Coming so soon after the death of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master, the loss to Masonry all over the world was indeed great. The District Grand Master had ruled over the English Craft for only three short years, and his tragic death on active service was grievously felt. A telegram was despatched to the Grand Secretary expressing the profound sympathy of the whole Punjab Fraternity in their great loss. At a Meeting of the District at Ambala, on 10th October, 1942, the news of the tragic death of M.W. the Grand Master was conveyed to the Brethren. The Brethren stood to order, turning to the East, in memory of the late worthy Brother.

The above District Meeting at Ambala was the second occasion on which the District met at that Military station. The first occasion was as far back as 27th October, 1883, when the District held its Meeting at Ambala under the Chairmanship of Col. G.B. Wolseley, D.D.G.M. With the advance of the frontiers, Ambala had lost, over the years, its importance as a Military and Civil station, but Lodge "Charity" not only maintained Masonry at that centre, but made progressive contributions to its prestige, with the result that the D.G.M. could not overlook that Lodge's claims to a District Meeting at Ambala.

At the District Meeting at Ambala, notice of motion was formally proposed for the amendment of the District Grand Lodge By-Laws to raise the quarterly levy for the District



Fund of Benevolence from eight annas to one rupee per member. [The Lodges had in fact paid the said levy for the quarter ending 30th June, pending the completion of procedural formality to legalize the proposed amendment.] At a Special Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 6th January, 1943, specially convened for that purpose, the proposed amendment was confirmed. The Quarterly Levy thus stood as follows:

General Fund	..	Rs.	0	12	0
Building Fund	..	Rs.	0	8	0
Fund of Benevolence	..	Rs.	1	0	0
Total	..	Rs.	2	4	0

Before the end of the year, roughly Rs. 6,500 were received in the Punjab District War Relief Fund. Rs. 5,000 had already been sent to London at the end of 1944 to the Grand Lodge War Relief Fund, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,386-15-0, which was remitted to the District Grand Master of Bengal for credit to the Burma Relief Fund to relieve Brethren belonging to the District Grand Lodge of Burma who had been affected or displaced by the war. In addition, on 14th August, 1942, the District received from the Grand Lodge of England a magnificent gift of £ 500 sterling for relief of cases of war distress, not necessarily only Masonic. The District thus received more than it had donated to the Grand Lodge; a befitting example of Freemasonry at its best.

The year 1942 was marked by great activity in the District. The number of subscribing members at the end of the year was larger by 113 than the figure for the previous year. Lodges "Khyber", "Light in the Himalayas", "Raisina", "Hope and Perseverance," "Hazara" and "MacMahon" headed the list of Lodges showing marked improvement in their number of initiations and joinings. The two Lodges that suffered seriously in the loss of membership were "Hardinge" and "Derajat". The number of subscribing members at the end of December, 1942, was 1821.

At the Annual District Meeting at Lahore, on 17th April, 1943, the first intimation of the election of Most Wor. Bro. The Earl of Harewood, Pro. Grand Master, as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England was conveyed to the Brethren. The Earl of Harewood had been for some years Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire and later for some years the Pro. Grand Master.

On 1st June, 1943, the Rt. Hon'ble The Earl of Harewood was installed as M. W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England at a Special Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Earl of Harewood was personally installed in that high office by Most Wor. Bro. His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI. A telegram conveying congratulations and loyalty on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and the whole Fraternity in the District was sent to the new Grand Master. In commemoration of this Installation, M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to authorize Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer certain Past ranks, whereupon, the D.G.M. conferred upon the following Brethren the undernoted ranks:



Wor. Bro. Major W. H. Stribbling, Past D. G. Dir of Ceremonies.  
Wor. Bro. F. A. Couse, Past Assistant D. G. Dir of Ceremonies.  
Wor. Bro. Major E. W. Blackmore, Past D. G. Std. Bearer.  
Wor. Bro. H. J. MacDonald, Past D. G. Std. Bearer.

At the Autumnal Meeting at Peshawar, on 23rd October, 1943, the D.G.M. informed the Brethren of the installation of Rt. Hon'ble The Earl of Harewood as M.W. the Grand Master and pledged the loyalty and co-operation of the Punjab District to the new Grand Master and to his Officers from all Lodges in the Punjab District. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. apprised the Brethren of the splendid progress made by the Craft in the District but struck a note of warning by calling upon Lodges to take care that they did not accept more candidates than what they could accommodate with ease and with that dignity and impressiveness which was so essential for the conduct of their business and ceremonies. The D.G.M. pointed out that Lodges should not confer degrees on more than two candidates at a time. This Meeting of the District was held in the Masonic Hall belonging to Lodge "Roos-Keppel". This was the first time that the District Grand Lodge had met in this building.

At the above District Meeting the D.G.M. reported the sad news of the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Colonel H.T. Pease, who was from 1916 to 1919 the District Grand Master of the Punjab. The D.G.M. paid a fitting tribute to this worthy Brother, whereafter the Brethren rose and turned to the East in silent memory of their departed friend.

The year 1943 closed with a membership of 2004, roughly 183 more than the number prevailing for the previous year. 89 exclusions and 158 resignations were more than counterbalanced by 234 initiations and 218 joinings. The Lodges most conspicuous in their vigorous activity were "Northern Star", "Devon", "Hope and Perseverance" and "Hazara".

The year 1944, notwithstanding the disturbed conditions caused by the war, was a year of marked success and prosperity in the District. The Annual Meeting of the District, as usual, was held at Lahore on 15th April, 1944, and the Autumnal Meeting at Simla on 9th September, 1944.

Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" compiled and printed its long and comprehensive history of the Lodge from its foundation. An earlier edition had been compiled by Wor. Bro. Reeves-Brown, P. M. in 1927.

In general, the District received in its fold many talented young men, who by exigencies of active service, found their residence in the District. The year was, however, marred by the sudden and untimely death of Wor. Bro. J. H. Monroe, Grand Inspector-General for the Irish Constitution in India and a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Lahore. Bro. Monroe had been for many years, a member of the English Constitution and also for a number of years a Trustee of the Punjab Masonic Institutions.

With an up-surge of membership, resulting from buoyant economic conditions prevailing in the country and young and energetic members of the Civil Service and the Armed



Forces showing interest in Masonry, the year 1944 added many new Brethren to the Craft. Resignations numbering 199, primarily the result of movement of troops, was counterbalanced by 264 initiations and 221 joinings. Lodges "Quetta", "Raisina", "Industry" and "Northern Star" headed the list of Lodges showing the highest initiations. Lodges "Northern Star", "Mayo" and "Quetta" headed the list of Lodges showing the highest joinings. Amongst others, the Lodges suffering substantially through loss in membership were "Cabul River", "Mooltan" and "Light in the Himalayas". The number of subscribing members at the end of December, 1944, was 2220, that is, more by 216 over the figure for the previous year.

In the first quarter of 1945, the small but vigorous Lodge in Dera Ismail Khan—Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206—was struck with misfortune. Due to heavy rains, its building cracked and half the roof caved in. The building was declared unsafe for use and the Wor. Master of the Lodge petitioned the District Grand Lodge for assistance to the extent of Rs. 10,000 to reconstruct the said building. At the Annual District Meeting in April, 1945, the D.G.M. placed the appeal before the Brethren and requested each Master to bring the matter up at the next Regular and Permanent Committee Meeting of his Lodge so that assistance could be speedily granted by each Lodge. The D.G.M. also assured the Brethren that the District Board of General Purposes would deal with the question at the District level.

At the above Annual District Meeting, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Frederick Richard Gifford, O.B.E., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. One unfortunate incident which marred that Meeting was the untimely death of seven Brethren who died in a plane crash whilst on their way to attend that meeting.

Close on the heels of the Annual Meeting, a Special Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Quetta, on 20th April, 1945. This Special Meeting was held as an extension of the Annual Meeting, to enable Brethren residing in the Western Frontier to attend the District Grand Lodge.

Turning our attention once again to Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, the District Board of General Purposes at its Meeting held on 4th May, 1945, considered the proposed plans of the intended building to replace the old Masonic Hall at Dera Ismail Khan. Whilst desirous of assisting the Lodge in every possible way, the Board considered the plans of the Lodge (which involved an estimated expenditure of Rs. 28,600) as being too ambitious and recommended that the reconstruction of the building should be postponed for some time till normal conditions returned and prices fell. The Board further recommended that Lodge "Derajat" should endeavour to obtain temporary accommodation in a rented Bungalow until it could rebuild its own Temple. Accordingly, the sums which were received as donations (roughly Rs. 5000 from 18 Lodges by October that year) were banked at interest to be made available to Lodge "Derajat", when conditions were more settled.

Before the usual Autumnal Meeting of the District, the news of the cessation of the Second Great War, was received with great jubilation in the District, as it was in all



parts of the world. Special prayer was therefore offered by the District Grand Chaplain at the Autumnal Meeting at Simla on 22nd September, 1945.

The war had given the District the privilege and the pleasure of welcoming Brethren from all over the Empire and other parts of the world and the District had been thus helped to realise the universality of Masonry which joined the Fraternity in one large family. The cessation of hostilities brought the paradoxical realization that many Brethren would be leaving India and returning to their homeland and that Lodges would be losing their large and vigorous membership of dedicated young men who, by exigencies of Service, had found their contact with the Craft. At the said Autumnal Meeting in Simla there were present many Brethren who were attending the District Grand Lodge for the last time. To them, the D.G.M., on behalf of the District Grand Lodge, wished a happy return to their native land and hoped that they would take with them happy recollections of their Masonic life in the Punjab which would abide with them and be always associated in their minds with pleasant recollections of the past.

At the above District Meeting, the D.G.M. sounded a note of advice to the Brethren regarding the coming months which were expected to present difficulties to most of the Lodges in the District. The retirement on pension and the repatriation of many of the members of the Fraternity was expected and the D.G.M. hoped that those who remained to carry on the work in the Lodges would do so loyally and with a spirit of service to ensure the future prosperity of their Lodge and the Craft in general. The D.G.M. also announced that he would be proceeding to England on leave the following spring and would be handing over the control and administration of the District to Wor. Bro. Colonel Gifford, his Deputy.

The good work done by the Lodges during the year 1945 was somewhat marred by certain disciplinary action taken by the District Grand Master, on the recommendation of the District Board, against Lodge "Light of the North" No. 1308, Dalhousie, and several of its Officers. It appeared that this Lodge, over the past two years, had suffered from inefficient and negligent Rulers. This unfortunate situation culminated in 1945 in a flagrant breach of Rule 172 when a Brother E. A. was permitted to join the Lodge in disregard of the Rules governing proposal and admission of candidates, and was raised to the M.M. degree, without being passed to the F. C. degree. The D.G.M., therefore, suspended the Lodge "Light of the North" No. 1308, for a period of two years from 20th August, 1945, to 20th August, 1947, its Wor. Master and I.P.M. for a period of three years, its Junior Warden (who proposed the candidate) for a period of two years, its Treasurer for a period of one year, its Senior Warden and the Secretary for a period of six months and the candidate sine die.

The year 1945, though a busy year, did not produce a large accretion to membership, as did the previous few years. The gains made in the first half were somewhat rounded off by resignations consequent on Brethren leaving the Army due to the cessation of the war. With initiations numbering 213 and joinings numbering 172, the gains were somewhat balanced by 298 resignations, 48 exclusions and 34 deaths. Lodges "Phulkian", "Northern



Star" and "Roos-Keppel" headed the list of Lodges showing increase in membership, whereas Lodges "Northern Star", "Charity", "Devon" and "Prince Albert Victor" headed the list of Lodges showing resignations. The number of subscribing members on the Roll of the District at the end of the year was 2227.

The Annual Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 16th March, 1946. Wor. Bros. Brigadier R.C. Harron, Brigadier R.B. Dina Nath and Justice E.C. Marten, were appointed and invested as District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and District Grand Registrar respectively. This Annual Festival was presided by Wor. Bro. Lt.-Colonel F.R. Gifford, Acting D.G.M. At that Meeting the Acting D.G.M. referred to the past twelve months as a period which had proved very trying, due to sudden orders for repatriation or transfer, which had denuded Lodges of their membership abruptly. The Acting D.G.M. called upon all resident Brethren to unflinchingly support the Master by offering their services to fill all temporary vacancies which had occurred until regular officers could again be appointed.

At the above Meeting, the Acting D.G.M. reported the sudden and unexpected death on 7th February of Wor. Bro. R. B. Ram Kishore of "Jumna" Lodge, Delhi. Bro. Ram Kishore was initiated in Lodge "Jumna" in 1913 and had devoted his life to Masonry in its many branches. In memory of this worthy Brother, the Brethren stood to order, turning to the East in token of respect to their departed friend.

In May, 1946, permission was given to the new Scottish Lodge "Concord" No. 1416, to be founded in Lahore, to use the Masonic building for their meeting, on the same rent and on the same terms as enjoyed by the English Craft Lodges in Lahore.

On 24th June, 1946, the 35th Lodge on the Roll of the District, namely, THE SHANKARACHARYA LODGE No. 6251 (Warranted on 6th February, 1946) was Consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Srinagar, by Wor. Bro. Lt.-Colonel F.R. Gifford, Acting D.G.M., who took a deputation from the District Grand Lodge to Srinagar, specially for that purpose. This Lodge was somewhat restrictive in its membership and, according to rumour, was supposed to be an exclusive Lodge for H.H. Sir Hari Singh, Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bros. H.H. Sir Hari Singh, W.A. Nedou, Col. Duni Chand, Nawab Khushru Jang, J.R. Sethi and M.R. Soni and Bro. L.H. Baybut. The first Master of this Lodge was Wor. Bro. W.A. Nedou.

In October, 1946, steps were taken for the creation of a Staff Provident Fund. The District Board of General Purposes had made certain recommendations in that respect and a notice of motion was given in the Autumnal Meeting for the amendment of the By-laws to reduce the quarterly levy covering the Fund of Benevolence from Rs. 1 to Rs. 0-12-0 and to create a new quarterly levy for the District Staff Provident Fund of Rs. 0-4-0. In this last connection, it may be stated that the object of the Provident Fund levy was to cover the cost of the District's contribution to the Staff Provident Fund. [The amendments proposed in the notice of motion were adopted and passed at



the Annual Meeting of the District on 12th April, 1947]. The quarterly levy was therefore left at the previous rate of Rs. 2-4-0, but its break-down stood altered as follows:—

General Fund	.. Rs. 0-12-0.
Building Fund	.. Rs. 0- 8-0.
Fund of Benevolence	.. Rs. 0-12-0.
Provident Fund	.. Rs. 0- 4-0.

The stock taking at the end of 1946 revealed great gaps in the ranks of Masonry made by the departure of senior Brethren from the District. The only redeeming feature seemed to be that the District had added one more Lodge to its Roll bringing its strength to 35, but then Lodge "Kohat" went into abeyance from December, 1946. Initiations and joinings which in the past year were 213 and 172 respectively, were down in 1946 to 189 and 152 respectively. 68 exclusions in 1946 out-numbered 48 exclusions in 1945. The total number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 2204, that is, down by 23 over the figure for the previous year. The decline in membership had thus begun.



## MASONRY IN PAKISTAN

**PARTITION** With political activity at its apex and the independence of India having been assured by Britain, the early part of 1947 was marked by great stresses and strains in the Punjab. The European community, consisting of the senior officers of the Armed Forces, the Civil Service and private business, was migrating fast to England and other foreign countries. Political strikes and disturbances were becoming numerous and disrupting social and economic life. Lodges were being denuded of their European membership, so essentially a part and parcel of their very existence since their founding. Last, but not the least, the local population was rendered migratory, and people were trying to adjust their affairs and find new homes, so as to settle down in the country of their choice.

The first Lodge to be substantially effected by this turmoil was "Kitchener". In January, 1947, Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998 transferred its place of permanent residence from Simla to Delhi and began to hold its Meetings at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi. This step was taken consequent on the reduced number of members being left at Simla to run this Lodge. In fact there was also a proposal to surrender the Warrant, but this was luckily opposed by the few remaining Brethren and it was finally decided to shift the Lodge to Delhi instead, which was done. At Delhi, a number of Brethren from other Lodges rallied round "Kitchener" and thus assisted it to find its new bearings.

On 17th March, 1947, a Special Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes was held to consider the revision of the quarterly levy to meet its increased commitments to cover the heavy increases in salaries and wages of its servants, to make provision for their long overdue increments and to provide cushioning to meet the contemplated decrease in income anticipated as a result of decrease in membership in the next few years. The Board recommended that the General Fund quarterly levy be raised from Re. 0-12-0 to Rs. 1-8-0, thus raising the quarterly levy from Rs. 2-4-0 to Rs. 3-0-0 per member. The said recommendations were accepted by the District at its Annual Meeting held on 12th April, 1947, at which notice of motion to approve the recommendations was given. [There being no Autumnal Meeting of the District in 1947, the notice of motion was placed before the Brethren at the Annual Meeting on 10th April, 1948, on which date it was accepted and passed].

At the above Annual Meeting in 1947, Wor. Bro. Colonel Robert Joseph Louis Wilkinson, O.B.E., F.R.G.S., F.R.S.A., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. Wor. Bros. R.S. Charanjit Lal and Lt.-Colonel H.H. Raja Sir Harinder Singh Barbans Bahadur of Faridkot, K.C.S.I., were appointed and invested as the District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. The said Meeting was attended



by a large number of Brethren of the Services who were shortly to leave India, and the D.G.M. therefore recorded the great appreciation and the sincere thanks of the Brethren of the District to all of them who had so long assisted in maintaining and advancing the Craft in the Punjab. The D.G.M. mentioned that with the going away of so many Brethren, the responsibility for the maintenance of the tradition and prestige of the Craft would fall in a greater measure than hitherto on Indian Brethren and he hoped that the great heritage and responsibility which would be theirs, would be safe in their hands.

By April, 1947, Lodge "Hazara" No. 4159 at Abbottabad found itself in difficulty. More than 50% of the Brethren, including the Wor. Master, had left India or were in England. Retirement, release or reversion to British Service of the majority of its subscribing Brethren, who were Europeans, was inevitable. This had been foreseen and the Lodge had applied in January, 1947, for permission to transfer its Warrant to England and go into abeyance until established in England at a time and place to be decided by the Brethren in the new country. On 22nd May, 1947, the last Meeting in Abbottabad was held under the Hiram of the oldest resident Brother, Wor. Bro. Colonel R. A. Briggs, O.B.E. Thus was read the last summons in India and the beautiful hill station of Abbottabad lost "Hazara" for good. Luckily, Lodge "Hazara" found its new home in Piccadilly Hotel, London, at an early date and the first Meeting was held there on 22nd October, 1947, when the Minutes of the Proceedings last held at Abbottabad were confirmed. On 6th November, 1947, M.W. the Grand Master approved the permanent transfer of the Lodge from Abbottabad (Punjab) to London.

The partition of the sub-continent in August, 1947, into two independent sovereign States, Pakistan and India, brought about a blood-bath in Northern India that ranked second to none in the annals of Indian history. Vast transfers of population from one territory to another and the genocide resulting from mass extermination of evacuees on the basis of their religion, brought grief and sorrow over the whole of the sub-continent. The Province of the Punjab which was partitioned into two, West Punjab (Pakistan) and East Punjab (India), suffered the most, and so did Lodges on either side of the new border.

Before the end of the year, two other Lodges found new homes. Lodge "St. John the Evangelist" No. 1483, most of whose members had migrated to East Punjab (India), shifted from Lahore (Pakistan) to New Delhi (India). It applied in November, 1947, for a Dispensation to hold its three next Meetings at Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi, which was granted and the Lodge held its first Meeting at that new station on 17th December, 1947. [It continued to apply for and receive such Dispensations until its By-Laws were altered.] Similarly, Lodge "Industry" No. 1485, also met at Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi, on 8th December, 1947, under a Special Dispensation, and resolved to hold its next six regular Meetings there and to apply for a Dispensation for that purpose. [It held its future Meetings in that manner until its By-Laws were altered in December, 1951.]

Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, Simla, the oldest active Lodge in the District, decided to shift to England. A considerable number of the members of



"Himalayan Brotherhood" had already left or were leaving India, consequent on the political situation. A Meeting was therefore held on the 11th August, 1947, to consider whether the Lodge should migrate to the United Kingdom or not. Having so decided, the last Meeting of this Lodge was held in Simla on 10th November, 1947, under the Mastership of Wor. Bro. W. P. Murphy. At that Meeting, after all formal business was concluded and the Wor. Master was on the point of addressing the Brethren and finally closing the Lodge for the last time in India, all the lights in the Temple went out. It seemed that fate was taking a hand in the closing of the Lodge at the end of its allotted life in India. The Lodge was therefore closed in darkness.

Lodge "Kohat" No. 4459, which since the collapse of its Temple in 1946 had not revived and had gone into abeyance as from 31st December, 1946, lapsed into total inactivity without any prospect of revival. Also, Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 was in abeyance after its last Meeting in June, 1947, Lodge "Hydaspes" No. 4842, Jhelum, was in abeyance after its last Meeting in May and "Derajat" No. 3206, D.I. Khan, was in abeyance after its imperfect Meeting in November, 1947.

Thus, by the end of 1947, "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 and "Hazara" No. 4159 ceased to be on the Roll of the District. "Kohat" No. 4459, "Cabul River" No. 3225 and "Hydaspes" No. 4842 were in abeyance. "St. John the Evangelist" No. 1483, "Industry" No. 1485 and "Kitchener" No. 2998, had changed their stations. A number of other Lodges were contemplating moving to the United Kingdom. And all the other Lodges generally were in the throes of disorder; "Hardinge" being badly effected. The District was thus left with 33 Lodges on its Roll.

The District Grand Lodge, like most other institutions situated in the territories constituting West Punjab (Pakistan), lost a major part of its Hindu staff, who had migrated to India, and was thus somewhat inert from August to December, 1947. It was not able to prepare its annual returns or complete its accounts, and neither could it hold its usual Autumnal Meeting.

In February, 1948, Lodge "McMahon" No. 3262, Quetta, petitioned M. W. the Grand Master for the transfer of the Lodge to the United Kingdom and at its usual Meeting that month on the 19th resolved to go into abeyance till arrangements were made for its reopening in England. Likewise in the same month, Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, D.I. Khan, which had not met since its last Meeting in November, 1947, (which Meeting also had not been perfect), petitioned the D.G.M. for an open Dispensation to enable the Lodge to meet in London until it was able to complete arrangements for its transfer to a locality to be decided upon. The said Dispensation was granted by the D.G.M.

In the first quarter of 1948, various letters were received by the District from Lodges situated in East Punjab (India) enquiring as regards their status under the District and whether circumstances were not opportune for the formation of a separate District in East Punjab (India) under which the Craft Lodges situated in the Indian territory could be



affiliated. These Lodges were informed that no changes of major importance affecting the future of the District were under contemplation, but that if they had any special request to make for the formation of a separate District, such request could be sent to the D.G.M. for transmission by him with his recommendation to M.W. the Grand Master.

With great difficulty, the District Grand Lodge was able to hold its Annual Festival at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 10th April, 1948. The Meeting was very thinly attended. It was still not safe for Brethren to travel from one country to another and the carnage that had taken place the year before left a feeling of insecurity in everyone's mind. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. Lt.-General Ross Cairns McCay, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. In the general address, the D.G.M. alluded to the recent devastating events which had rudely shaken the very foundations of Masonry in the District and hoped that Masons would assist in all spheres of life in the rehabilitation of social and moral values. The D.G.M. also referred to some of the Lodges that were about to migrate to the United Kingdom and wished them all happiness and success. Finally, the D.G.M. referred to the retirement of the District Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. Gerald Reeves-Brown, who had for eighteen years worked loyally, efficiently and honestly in the cause of Masonry and for the District and wished him, on behalf of the District, good health and happiness in his retirement. The D.G.M. also presented a cheque for Rs. 3,500 to Wor. Bro. Reeves-Brown, representing subscriptions from a number of Lodges in the District and from individual Brethren, as a parting gift and a token of affection and regard of the Punjab Masons for him. In a touching reply, Wor. Bro. Reeves-Brown expressed his deep and sincere thanks for the D.G.M.'s kind words and the token gift, which was the kind expression of the high regard the Punjab Brethren held for him. Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, O.B.E., was appointed the District Grand Secretary in the vacancy that had arisen out of Wor. Bro. Reeves-Brown's retirement.

With so much gloom hanging over the District, the Installation of His Grace The Duke of Devonshire as Most Wor. The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge at the Especial Grand Lodge Meeting at the Albert Hall, London, on 23rd March, 1948, passed by almost unnoticed. His Grace The Duke of Devonshire was installed by Most Wor. Bro. His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI, Past Grand Master. At that Especial Grand Lodge, approximately 7500 Brethren attended.

The disorder arising out of the migration of the permanent staff continued to prevail in 1949 and though new hands were recruited, normal working of the District Grand Lodge was still affected. The absence of returns for the past many quarters from various Lodges also prevented the District from preparing and compiling its usual consolidated returns.

Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, found its new bearings in the United Kingdom at the Bayswater Hotel, 121, Bayswater Road, London, where it held its first Meeting on 9th April, 1948, under the Mastership of Wor. Bro. H. W. Gregory. At that Meeting Bro. J. L. Shaw was elected Wor. Master for the ensuing year. The next Meeting was held at Piccadilly Hotel, Piccadilly, London, W. 1., where Bro. J. L. Shaw was installed as the first Wor. Master of the Lodge in the United Kingdom.



Lodge "Jamrud" No. 4372, Peshawar, which had earlier petitioned for the transfer of its Warrant to London, also received that approval and migrated to the United Kingdom. It held its last regular Meeting at Peshawar on 21st May, 1948. Its first business Meeting at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, was held on 2nd July, 1948, and its first regular Meeting at the same place on 3rd September, 1948, with Wor. Bro. Brigadier H. E. Cubitt Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.P.M., acting for the Wor. Master. A few words about the circumstances leading up to the transfer of this Lodge to London will not be out of place. Way back in May, 1947, a joint meeting of the Permanent Committees of Lodges "Khyber" No. 582 and "Jamrud" No. 4372 was held at Brigade House, Peshawar, to consider the future policy of the two Lodges after the partition of British India in the event of a majority of their members leaving India. It was decided at that Meeting that both the Lodges should recommend to their respective Brethren the following steps for their consideration and approval:—

- (a) To amalgamate the two Lodges in Peshawar and transfer the amalgamated Lodges to the U. K. (preferably London);
- or (b) To transfer each Lodge one at a time in the event of either Lodge wanting to retain its identity or its property;
- or (c) To transfer the Lodges one after the other to London and there to merge them under the suggested name of "Khyber and Jamrud" No. 582.

It was also decided to send out a joint letter, or the same letter under separate signatures of the Wor. Masters of each of the two Lodges, to their subscribing Brethren. On 17th May, 1947, Lodge "Jamrud" issued a circular letter to its members recommending one of four courses of action, namely, (1) to carry on, (2) to amalgamate with Lodge "Khyber" and thereafter to transfer "Khyber" to another District, i.e. U.K., (3) to transfer itself to London under its own initiative or (4) to surrender its Warrant. Later developments somehow did not enable both the Lodges to act in concert; each Lodge being weighted by its own peculiar problems. At a Special Meeting of Lodge "Jamrud" held on 5th September, 1947, the future prospects of the Lodge were discussed, and the alternatives of closing down or migrating were put to the members for discussion. After some deliberation, it was unanimously resolved to remove the Lodge from the Punjab to the United Kingdom and the Permanent Committee was granted full powers to arrange for the said transfer. A petition was made in October, 1947, for the transfer of the Lodge permanently to the U. K. and in November, 1947, the Lodge applied to the District for Special Dispensation to meet temporarily at Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London, pending the consideration of the petition for transfer, which Special Dispensation was granted.

Lodge "McMahon" No. 3262 held its first Meeting in England on 26th October, 1948, at the Talbot Hotel, 64, London Wall, London, under a Dispensation granted earlier by the District. On 1st December, 1948, the permission for the transfer of the Lodge permanently to London was accorded by M. W. the Grand Master.



Lodge "Hydaspes" No. 4842 also held its first Meeting in Simla on 11th October, 1948, under a Special Dispensation. That Lodge had been in abeyance since May, 1947. It was not until the Masonic Fraternity of Simla petitioned the D.G.M. on 20th June, 1948, for this Lodge to be transferred to Simla that Lodge "Hydaspes" ultimately found its new home. [The subsequent Meetings of this Lodge were held under Special Dispensations till the By-Laws were amended and approved by M. W. the Grand Master on 14th December, 1949, allowing the change in the place of Meetings.]

The District could not hold its usual Autumnal Meeting in 1948 as the D.G.M. who had left for England in the second quarter of 1948 for a very important Ecumenical Conference at Lambeth Palace, did not arrive back by October, as expected. Accordingly the District Board of General Purposes in its Meeting in August, 1948, agreed to postpone the Autumnal Meeting of the District till the return of the D.G.M. from England.

In the third quarter of 1948 Lodge "Charity" No. 563, Ambala, held its Centenary Celebration. A detailed history of this Lodge which appears in the Indian Freemason for the year 1896, clearly shows that this Lodge was constituted and its first Regular Meeting held on 11th January, 1849, which was attended by 8 members and 7 visiting Brethren. However, the Lodge was granted its Centenary Warrant earlier and it held its Centenary Festival at Freemasons' Hall, Ambala, on 4th September, 1948. At that Centenary Meeting Wor. Bro. R.S. Charanjit Lal, P.D.S.G.W., presented the Centenary Jewel to the Wor. Master. This became the second Lodge in the District to receive its Centenary Warrant.

The presence of the D.G.M. in London did not pass by un-noticed and contact with the United Grand Lodge brought about discussions on important matters regarding the future of Craft Lodges operating in India consequent on the partition of the sub-continent into Pakistan and India. M. W. the Grand Master specially requested the D.G.M. to determine the views of Brethren in Pakistan and India on two important questions, namely:

- (1) Whether the Brethren desired the severance of their connection with the Grand Lodge of England and the setting up of a Grand Lodge in India and Pakistan on either the English or Australian pattern?
- and (2) Whether new District Grand Lodges should be formed or the boundaries of the existing District Grand Lodges of Bombay, Bengal and the Punjab should be modified?

To enable these questions to be answered effectively, the United Grand Lodge of England requested the District Grand Masters of Bengal and Madras to make a long journey to Bombay and there to hold counsel with the District Grand Masters of Bombay and the Punjab. Accordingly, in November, 1948, when the D.G.M. of the Punjab, on his return to India, arrived in Bombay, he joined with the other three District Grand Masters in discussion and taking counsel together. At that Meeting all the District Grand Masters decided to send out a Questionnaire, signed by them all, to all Lodges in order that the two



queries of the United Grand Lodge might be accurately answered and the views of Brethren in India and Pakistan communicated to M. W. the Grand Master. This was accordingly done.

By the end of 1948, Lodge "Jamrud" No. 4372 and 'McMahon' No. 3262 ceased to be on the Roll of the Punjab District, leaving the District with only 31 Lodges. Lodge "Hydaspes" No. 4842, Jhelum, found its new home in Simla. "Kohat" No. 4459 still appeared to be totally inert. Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 at Nowshera, which was revived in April, 1948, by Wor. Bro. G. Black went again into abeyance in September, 1948, with the transfer of its Wor. Master and Wardens to different stations. Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 at Risalpur could not work its degrees as the Lodge was not "perfect" and before going into abeyance after its last Meeting in September appointed a Committee to decide terms of merger with Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225, Nowshera. As regards the working in 1948, the little good that was achieved by 62 initiations and 117 joinings was wiped out by 82 resignations, 116 exclusions and 9 deaths. The poor result was due to the difficult times, but it seemed the District had pulled through its post-partition sufferance with credit. The number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 1750.

After the D.G.M. returned to Lahore, the matter regarding the Questionnaire sent out by the four D.G.Ms. to the various Lodges was taken up on 4th February, 1949, at a Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes, when the views of the various Lodges which had replied to the letters were read out and considered. The D.G.M. indicated at that Meeting that as soon as he obtained the views of Lodges of other Districts from Rt. Wor. the District Grand Masters of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, he would communicate his views to M. W. the Grand Master.

BARNE  
RESIGNS

The return of the D.G.M. to Lahore was not very propitious for in the early part of 1949, he resigned his Ecclesiastical See as Bishop of Lahore on medical grounds and from other high positions, including his Masonic charge, which he had held for many years. Further, his impending departure necessitated the immediate appointment by M.W. the Grand Master of his successor, which was done and Wor. Bro. Lt.-General Ross Cairns McCay, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was appointed as the District Grand Master of the Punjab.

McCay  
INSTALLED

At the Annual Meeting of the District held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 23rd April, 1949, Wor. Bro. Lt.-General Ross Cairns McCay, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was invested and installed as the fifteenth District Grand Master of the Punjab. The ceremony of Installation was conducted by the out-going D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. G.D. Barne, Bishop of Lahore. After his investiture, the new D.G.M. paid glowing tributes to the out-going D.G.M. The new D.G.M. stated that the high honour which had been bestowed on him had been heavily tempered with sorrow at the thought of losing a Brother who had been so closely connected with the District. The D.G.M. intimated that it was not only as a Freemason that Wor. Bro. Barne would be remembered, for Wor. Bro. Barne had left his mark in many walks of life.



The new D.G.M. stated that in his youth he remembered vividly the name of Canon Barne of Sanawar, and he could not even guess at the numbers of those who had risen to remember Canon Barne, and be forever grateful for the training they had received from him. Wor. Bro. Barne, in paying his farewell to the District, pointed out that over the last seventeen years he had enjoyed the friendship which was the heritage of Masonry throughout the world and in handing over charge he felt the deep separation which his retirement was bringing. He wished the District all success.

At the above Annual Meeting, the out-going D.G.M. in his address, referred to the Questionnaire which three other District Grand Masters in India apart from himself, had issued to Lodges operating within the Districts of Bombay, Bengal, Madras and the Punjab and referred to the final picture which arose out of the replies received by him from Lodges under those four Districts. The D.G.M. intimated that the general picture as appearing from those replies was:—

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80 Lodges were of opinion that no severance from the United Grand Lodge was desirable at that juncture but 25 Lodges wanted an Indian Grand Lodge on the English pattern and 17 Lodges wanted an Indian Grand Lodge on the Australian pattern.

### CHANGES OWING TO PARTITION

86 Lodges either voted for no change or expressed no opinion. 13 Lodges voted for a new District Grand Lodge for the East Punjab. 22 Lodges voted for combining East Punjab Lodges with the Punjab District, and one Lodge requested that the Headquarters of the District be transferred to East Punjab and a new District be opened for West Pakistan.

The D.G.M. therefore had requested M.W. the Grand Master to allow things to remain as they were and to await further developments. Remarking on the general state of Masonry in the District, the D.G.M. stated that many Lodges were financially in a very precarious condition, attendance at District Grand Lodge Meetings was somewhat difficult and that Masonic solidarity had been rudely shaken.

The sad news of the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. C.A. Barron, P.D.G.M. and Wor. Bro. Sir Allen Broadway, P.D.D.G.M., was received by the District in early 1949. The former had been the District Grand Master of the Punjab for eight years from 1924 to 1932. The latter had been the Deputy District Grand Master for four years from 1920 to 1924 and again for one year in 1929. Both these distinguished Brethren had rendered to the District conspicuous service. A formal resolution was proposed and passed by the District, in respect to their memory.

By the first quarter of 1949 it was clear that Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, D.I. Khan, would transfer itself to England before long. It was also noticed that Lodge "Kohat"



No. 4459, Kohat, had surrendered its Warrant. [Lodge "Kohat" was erased from the Register of the Grand Lodge on 2nd March, 1949.]

At the investiture of officers that took place at the Annual Meeting of the District in April, 1949, Wor. Bros. A. Gilbert and Brigadier Sir Hissamuddin were appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master and District Senior Grand Warden respectively.

On 20th August, 1949, Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 of Nowshera, held a Meeting at Risalpur under a Special Dispensation and resolved to move the Lodge to Lahore. The Lodge then moved to its new quarters at Lahore, where it held its first Meeting on 19th September, 1949, and finally settled down with the assistance of such venerable Masons as Wor. Bros. H. J. Pearson, C.E. Leenan, Yar Muhammad Khan and Sheikh Bashir Ahmad. [The approval of M.W. the Grand Master to the transfer was recorded in May, 1950, when the change in the By-Laws was approved.]

After a lapse of ten months, Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 met at Risalpur on 20th August, 1949, with the special object of passing a resolution to move the Lodge to Peshawar and, if sanction for the same was not given, to transfer the Lodge to Lahore and amalgamate it with Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225. The said resolutions were passed and the D.G.M. in the same month issued a Dispensation to this Lodge to meet in Peshawar till the end of March, 1950.

In August, 1949, the D.G.M. found it necessary to seek the views of the District Board of General Purposes on the following queries.

- (1) Whether he should separate the East Punjab and Delhi Lodges from the Punjab District in such manner as he thought best; it being clearly understood that there was no question of any financial adjustment, i.e. the secession being recorded as voluntary just as when the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was formed from the Bengal District,
- or (2) Whether to retain the present organization (plus the Craft Lodges in Sind, Pakistan) with the addition of an Assistant District Grand Master to be located in the East Punjab.

The said matter was considered by the District Board of General Purposes at its Meeting held on 23rd August, 1949. After much consideration, the majority of the Brethren decided to advise the D.G.M. that the best course was to recommend to M. W. the Grand Master that as a number of Craft Lodges operating in East Punjab (India) had desired to form a new District Grand Lodge, that a new District Grand Lodge should be formed for Craft Lodges in East Punjab, it being clearly understood that no financial adjustments of any kind would be made, as was the case when the present Punjab District was formed. The D.G.M. was thus advised accordingly, who in turn conveyed the views to M.W. the Grand Master. The D.G.M. also opened up friendly negotiations with the newly installed District Grand Master of Bombay, Rt. Wor. Bro. Tilley, for the transfer of the six Craft Lodges operating



in Sind, which fell in Pakistan territory, from his jurisdiction to that of the Punjab District.

The Autumnal Meeting in 1949 was held at Rawalpindi, in October, 1949. The attendance was definitely more encouraging than it had been at the Annual Meeting some six months back. At the Autumnal Meeting the D.G.M. intimated that Rs. 900 had been contributed, for the presentation of a souvenir gift to Rt. Wor. Bro. Barne, P.D.G.M. and called for suggestions in connection with the gift to be made. After some discussion, it was ultimately decided to remit the money collected to Rt. Wor. Bro. Barne with the request that he should use it to purchase a memento which would best serve to remind him of the good wishes of the Brethren of the Punjab District and their grateful thanks for his untiring efforts in their behalf while he was the D.G.M.

From November, 1949, Lodge "Light in the Himalayas" No. 1448 started meeting exclusively in Rawalpindi. Its last Meeting in Murree was on 8th October, 1949. [Its application for amendment of By-Laws to change its place of Meeting from Murree to Rawalpindi was approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 6th July, 1950.].

By the close of the year, the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District was 30. Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 had settled down in its new home at Lahore. As regards the working of the Lodges, there were 78 initiations, 119 joinings, 109 exclusions, 153 resignations and 11 deaths. The District closed with a total membership of 1522.

Turning our attention to the Grand Lodge, it is interesting to know that at about this time Lodge "Unity, Peace and Concord" No. 316, the last Lodge to hold a Military Warrant (Non-Stationary) from the Grand Lodge exchanged the said Warrant for a Stationary one for London. Lodge "Unity, Peace and Concord" No. 316 had accompanied the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) on active service in many places in the world, including the Punjab, and had received its Centenary Warrant in 1911. Thus passed away the last Lodge to hold a Military Warrant from the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, D.I. Khan, which had for some time been making attempts to begin working in England, ultimately found its footing and new home in London. It held its first Meeting at Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, London, on 14th January, 1950, where it finally commenced working. [The final sanction to the transfer of this Lodge from D.I. Khan (Punjab) to London was accorded by M.W. the Grand Master on 7th June, 1950]. Thus the Punjab lost another Lodge and London gained one.

In the first quarter of 1950, an application from certain Wor. Brethren in Delhi for a new Past Master's Lodge to be designated "The Bharat Mata Masters' Lodge" was received by the District and forwarded to the Grand Secretary with the D.G.M.'s approval.

Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 which had been, for some time, having difficulty in maintaining itself at Risalpur, at last was able to obtain sanction for its transfer to Peshawar. The Lodge had been in abeyance after its last Meeting on 19th September, 1948, till August, 1949. A resolution was passed at its Meeting in August, 1949, that, subject to sanction



being received, the Lodge be removed to Peshawar and, if the sanction be withheld, that the Lodge amalgamate with Lodge "Cabul River" No. 3225 and remove itself to Lahore with that Lodge. Dispensation having been received to meet in Peshawar, Lodge "Hardinge" met for the last time at Risalpur on 31st March, 1950, before its transfer to Peshawar. The next Meeting of that Lodge was then held at the Freemasons' Hall, Peshawar, on 14th April, 1950, as were subsequent Meetings.

By the second quarter of 1950, arrangements for the transfer of the Lodges in the Province of Sind to the Punjab District reached on advanced stage. As a result of deliberations between the District Grand Masters of Bombay and Punjab a recommendation jointly sponsored by the two D.G.Ms was already with M.W. the Grand Master for the boundaries of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay and the Punjab to be modified so as to include the six Craft Lodges in Sind within the Punjab District and to exclude them from the Bombay District. The recommendations made were subject to some adjustment as regards payments from the Benevolent Fund of each District. Further, as regards Lodges in the East Punjab, nothing was in hand, but a movement was under way for a request to be made for a separate District Grand Lodge for East Punjab (India).

The transfer of the six Lodges, namely, "Union" No. 767 (Karachi), "Industry" No. 873 (Hyderabad), "Sukkur" No. 1508 (Sukkur), "Faith" No. 2438 (Karachi), "Khan Bahadur B. Rajkotwalla" No. 2531 (Karachi) and "Scinde" No. 4284 (Karachi), located in the Province of Sind (Pakistan), from the Bombay District to the Punjab District was finally accomplished. The transfer took effect from 1st July, 1950, according to the decision given by M.W. the Grand Master. This early decision was the result of the keen interest taken by the Sind Lodges to have themselves transferred to the Punjab District.

Before proceeding further, a few words with regard to each of these six Lodges coming within the Punjab jurisdiction will not be out of place.

THE LODGE UNION No. 767 (Warranted on 16th December, 1858) was Consecrated at Masonic Hall, Karachi, on the festival of St. John on 24th June, 1859, and Wor. Bro. C. Goolden was installed as its first Master. This Lodge, however, had held its first Meeting on 23rd May, 1859. The founder members of this Lodge were C. Goolden, J. Gibbs, E. Bray, J. B. Dunsterville, J. G. Inglis, J. Brunton, J.A. Wood, W. Masher, W. Phillips, T. Anderson, J. G. Petric, L. Dunsterville, H. Douglas, Migan and Creagh. Lodge "Union" in its early days went through many difficulties and found itself in abeyance several times, a long stretch being from 1866 to 1868. However, after its early period of troubles it later continued to remain a very active and successful Lodge. On 23rd June, 1883, this Lodge performed a Herculean task when it affiliated 1 Brother, initiated 4 candidates and passed 9 Brethren under a Special Dispensation granted for that purpose. The years 1889 and 1890 were two of the most active in the life of this Lodge when, under the reign of its Master Wor. Bro. H. J. Rustomji, the Lodge recorded 36 initiations, 35 passings and 34 raisings. The same year i.e. 1890, the Lodge presented a Silver Casket with



an Address to Rt. Wor. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, D.G.M. of Bombay, on his visit to Karachi. This Lodge had the unique distinction of having three of its members become the D.G.Ms of Bombay, namely, J. Gibbs in 1870-79, J. Tate in 1900-03 and G.O.W. Dunn in 1908-09.

THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY No. 873 (Warranted on 10th July, 1861) was Consecrated on 28th September, 1861, in the small town of Kotri on the right bank of the mighty River Indus, where the British Army was then stationed. The first Master was Wor. Bro. Robert John Morris. The founder members were Robert John Morris, Edward Parker, Joseph Goulding, Charles Goolden, John Brunton, Stanley Graham Laurence, John Walter Hill, Edward Snowball, William Alexander Brunton, Samuel A. Musgrave and Edgar Swan. When the town of Kotri ceased to be a Military station and the Garrison shifted to Hyderabad, the Lodge moved to Hyderabad in 1875. It cannot be ascertained where this Lodge was located or held its Meetings during the years 1875 to 1900, but from 1901 the Lodge shifted to the residence of Wor. Bro. Dr. Joseph Huntley, who was one of the leading Physicians of the time, where it met till 1909. (Dr. Huntley's bungalow is now occupied by the Public Works Department, Office of the Executive Engineer, Nasir Division, just behind Ritz Hotel in Hyderabad Cantonment). In the year 1909 the present site at 44, Cantonment was granted free of cost by Government to the Lodge for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a Masonic Temple and the Lodge has existed at the said site ever since. The complexion of Lodge "Industry" from its inception to the end of the nineteenth century was mostly British but then from the beginning of the twentieth century till the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, the membership gradually changed to one predominantly Indian, with Hindus being in a majority. At the time of partition only 3 Brethren were left behind to run the Lodge, namely, Wor. Bro. Rao Bahadur Dr. Manghanmal S. Kirpalani, Wor. Bro. N. B. Gidwani and Wor. Bro. S. P. Dastur. Wor. Bro. Dastur stepped in to take charge of the Secretaryship. Wor. Bros. Dr. Mohd Ibrahim Sheikh, Fakirji P. Golwalla and Abdul Ghani Qureshi, three other resident Brethren belonging to a sister Lodge "Sir Charles Napier" No. 1064 (S.C.), joined this Lodge, thus forming the necessary quorum to hold Meeting and enable the Lodge to carry on. The Lodge then revived gradually and began progressing.

THE SUKKUR LODGE No. 1508 (Warranted on 24th July, 1874) was Consecrated on 28th March, 1874, at Sukkur with Wor. Bro. William Scott as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bro. William Scott and Brothers John Tate, Charles White, E.D. Newham Smith, James Henry Voyce, D. Flemming, W.C.F. De Wolff, James F. Robinson, John McLloyd and M. Myers.

THE LODGE FAITH No. 2438 (Warranted on 24th August, 1892) was Consecrated at Karachi on 28th September, 1892, with Wor. Bro. David Morris as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bros. David Morris, Thomas Matthew Moore, Edward Baker, Edward Johnson, and John Ferris Toole and Brothers James Rendoll, William Lucomer Padrick, James Edward Davidson, Sydney P. Fallon, Charles



Priest and Edward Abraham Legros. This Lodge met at various places including (a) Humby Vernacular School, Manora, when motor launches were pre-arranged and in the monsoon season at a Brother's residence at Keamari, (b) at the Zoroastrian Club, (c) at Bhedwar Library, Parsi Colony, and (d) finally at Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, where it still holds its Meetings. In the year 1924 a combined Meeting of the English Constitution Lodges was held when the joint Meeting was opened by Lodge "Union" in the first degree, by Lodge "Faith" in the second degree and by Lodge "Khan Bahadur B. Rajkotwalla" in the third degree and was finally closed by Lodge "Scinde" in the third degree, Lodge "Industry" in the second degree and Lodge "Union" in the first degree. This combined Meeting was specially held to receive and honour the District Grand Lodge Deputation from Bombay.

**LODGE KHAN BAHADUR B. RAJKOTWALLA** No. 2531 (Warranted on 9th October, 1894) was Consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, on Saturday the 17th November, 1894. The Consecration Ceremony was performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. I.M. Shields, D.D.G.M. (Bombay), assisted by Wor. Bros. J. Tate as S.W., H.J. Rustamji as J.W., W.U. Nicholas, as Chaplain, G.C.S. Brayson as Pursuivant and H.M. Mehta as Sword Bearer. The founder members of this Lodge were K.B. Byramji Jehangir Rajkotwal'a, George Charles Brayson, K.S. Dadabhai Sorabsha Munshiff, Cowasjee Hormusjee Katrak, Moti Ram Shaukiram Advani, Sorabji Mancherjee Billimoria, Sorabji Pirojsha Dubash, Cursetjee Byramji Canteenwala, Maneckji Hirjibhoy Patel and Hormusji Jamaspji Kotwal. The Lodge was named after its first Master, Wor. Bro. K.B. Byramji Jehangir Rajkotwalla (a late Honorary Magistrate of Karachi) who was one of its founders and a respected member of the Karachi community, and who paid all preliminary fees, expenses for kit, Chapter and Consecration ceremony. This Lodge had a successful career throughout. On 19th November, 1895, the Lodge took part in according a welcome to H.E. Lord Sandhurst, Pro. District Grand Master, who paid an official visit to this Lodge. On 15th January, 1898, this Lodge, assisted by the other Lodges in Karachi, accorded a befitting reception to H.E. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, who officially visited the Lodges in Karachi in his dual capacity as Provincial District Grand Master (E.C.) and Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. The brief history of this Lodge appears in the August issue of the Indian Freemason for the year 1899.

**THE SCINDE LODGE** No. 4284 (Warranted on 30th May, 1921) was Consecrated at Karachi on 28th November, 1921, with Wor. Bro. Captain Herbert George Maxwell Holmes as its first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Captain H.G.M. Holmes, Maj.-Gen. J.J. Russell, C.B., Maj. W.H.S. Burney, Maj. A.H. Peyton, F.P. Elliot, Capt. R.L. Bristow, J.C. France, Capt. F.L. Bultitude, Capt. D.L. Jenkins, H.N. Young, A.E. Kibblewhite, L. Collins, F. Newton, F.G. Gangle, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut. J.W.H. Le Galliene, and W.N. Kirby. This Lodge originally held its Meetings in the old Sind Club. One of its members, Wor. Bro. K.B. Large, became District Grand Master, Bengal. This Lodge all along continued to remain an active Lodge.



The Annual Meeting of the District in 1950 was held, as usual, at Lahore, in April, and the Autumnal Meeting at Rawalpindi, in October,. At the latter Meeting the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that he had decided to recommend to M.W. the Grand Master the formation of a District for the control of Lodges in East Punjab (India) and that he hoped to submit his detailed proposal shortly in that connection. The D.G.M. stated that he had come to this decision most reluctantly, but he felt it was inevitable. Further the D.G.M. referred to the recent floods that had devastated large areas of the Punjab and called upon Brethren to assist their unfortunate countrymen who were the unfortunate sufferers by this calamity.

On 3rd November, 1950, THE BHARAT MATA MASTERS' LODGE No. 6982 (Warranted on 14th April, 1950) was Consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi, in the presence of a large number of distinguished Masons. The Lodge was Consecrated by Wor. Bro. Rev. R.T. Kerr, D.S.G.W., who was accompanied by a retinue of District Grand Lodge Officers. Following the Consecration, Wor. Bro. B.R. Murgai, P.D.G. Asst. Purs., was duly installed in the Eastern Chair by Wor. Bro. R.B.H. Khanna, who likewise was assisted by other D.G.L. Officers. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of 55 Past Masters. The founder members of this Lodge were Wor. Bros. B.R. Murgai, P.M. Sundaram, M.P. Dube, Balwant Singh Puri, H. Williams, Hira Lal, Khazan Singh, J.N. Saxena, Z.R. Irani, Faqir Chand, Mohan Singh, G. Appaswamy, A.P. Mathur, Sri Ram, P.M. Bhel, G.S. Chawla, M.L. Srivastava, K.C. Kapur, K.C. Mathur, Om Prakash, H.H. Sir Raja Ali (Nawab of Rampur) and H.H. Sir Yadavindra Singh (Maharaja Adhiraj of Patiala). Among the visitors at this Installation were Wor. Bro. Guy Robinson, District Grand Secretary (Bengal), Rt. Wor. Bro. J.E. Thomas, Grand Supdt. for Northern Area (G.L.U.S.F.I.R.), reigning Masters of all local Lodges and P.Ms from Amritsar, Aligarh, and other out-stations.

The Sind Lodges were now with the Punjab District. A Special Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, on 9th December, 1950, to specially welcome the Lodges so transferred from the District Grand Lodge of Bombay to the Punjab District. That was the first occasion the District Grand Lodge met in the capital of Pakistan and the first time out of its previous territory. This Meeting was held to assure the Sind Brethren of the Punjab Brethren's appreciation of their confidence in the District, which their desire to come under its jurisdiction had displayed. The D.G.M. gave the Sind Lodges a hearty welcome to the District and assured them that they would be regarded with the same honour and affection as the other Lodges.

At the above Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the move under way for the creation of a new District for the East Punjab Lodges, which move he had decided to recommend to M.W. the Grand Master and referred to the fact that this would entail the reduction of the Punjab District from 36 to 20 Lodges. Notwithstanding this loss, the D.G.M. stated that he felt that there was a great future for Masonry in the District and that strenuous, concentrated and continuous efforts were necessary and should be made and



that this position must be appreciated by every single Brother in the District. The D.G.M. pointed out that it was the solemn duty of each Brother to see that the message of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth was carried to those who awaited it and thus assist in making the troubled world a better place in which to live. The D.G.M. also referred to the untimely death of the Duke of Devonshire, M.W. the Grand Master, who had passed to the Grand Lodge above on 26th November, 1950. The Brethren turned to the East and stood in silence for a short period, in memory to their revered Grand Master.

The year 1950 saw Lodges putting in a hard year's work to rehabilitate themselves and to bridge the gaps caused by large scale resignations and exclusions that had been the result of the post-partition havoc. Lodges "St. John the Evangelist," "Hardinge," "Cabul River," "Scinde," "Light of the North" and "Light in the Himalayas" showed good results. Lodges which suffered heavily by casualties were "I dustry," "Wahab," "Quetta" and "Cabul River." The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District at the end of the year was 36. With 114 initiations, 152 joinings, 164 resignations, 151 exclusions and 11 deaths the number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 1795, i.e. less by 82 than the figure for the previous year.

At the Grand Lodge Meeting held on 7th March, 1951, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Earl of Scarbrough was elected as M.W. the Grand Master and he appointed Rt. Wor. Bro. the Earl of Derby as his Deputy and Rt. Wor. Bro. W.H. V. Darell as his Assistant Grand Master. Rt. Wor. Bro. The Earl of Scarbrough had been Deputy Grand Master since 1947, while Rt. Wor. Bro. Darell had been Assistant Grand Master since 1937.

The Annual Meeting of the District was held at Lahore, on 7th April, 1951. The D.G.M. had nothing special to report at the Meeting save the statistics and the report on the working of the Lodges for the past year. The D.G.M. however, announced with regret the passing to the Grand Lodge above of Wor. Bro. R. S. Azmat Singh, P. Asst. G. Std. Br., who had been an untiring worker in the interests of Masonry and whose passing was a loss not only to the District but to the various Masonic Bodies, of which he was a member.

Lodge "Khyber" No. 582, Peshawar, celebrated its Centenary Year in 1951. This Lodge having been in existence since September, 1850, received its Centenary Warrant from M. W. the Grand Master with the direction that the Centenary Year could be celebrated anytime from September, 1950, to September, 1951. Since the Lodge was already in the process of transfer to the United Kingdom, it prolonged its stay for a short duration in Peshawar till its last Meeting there on 21st June, 1951, in order to celebrate its Centenary Year at its birth place. That last Meeting was held under the Hiram of Wor. Bro. Harry Flood. As regards this Lodge's transfer to the U.K., this Lodge did not encounter any difficulty. On 23rd May, 1951, Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 applied for the amendment of its By-Laws to enable its future Meetings to be held in the U.K. The amendment was approved by M. W. the Grand Master on 8th August, 1951, and the Lodge held its first Meeting at 10, Duke Street, St. James's, London, on 7th November, 1951, with Wor. Bro. G.W.L.



Pegram in the Chair. Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 was thus the third Lodge in the District to receive its Centenary Warrant and the second Centenary Lodge to break its connections with the District, leaving the District poorer by its severance.

Another Lodge, namely, Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413, which had petitioned in January, 1951, for a Special Dispensation to hold its Meetings temporarily in Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Middlesex, England, for six months, and had held its last meeting at Rawalpindi on 6th March, 1951, however, its first Meeting at Cole Court, Twickenham, Middlesex on 25th August 1951, under a Special Dispensation. It then moved a petition urging M. W. the Grand Master for its transfer permanently to Middlesex in the United Kingdom. At the Autumnal Meeting of the District in Rawalpindi, on 27th October, the D.G.M. looked with disfavour at the removal of the Lodges which had gone to England on grounds of sentiment and hoped that this would be the last to seek removal from the country.

At the above Autumnal Meeting, the D.G.M. announced the death of Wor. Bro. R.S. Bakshi Bhagat Ram Anand, P.D.G.W., and Wor. Bro. Colonel I.A. Manifold, P.D.G.W., both of whom were very active and earnest figures in Masonry and whose loss to the District was greatly felt. The D.G.M. also referred to the gruesome assassination of Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Pakistan, whose loss to the country was irreparable. The D.G.M. in particular stated:—

"He was my friend and knowing my position amongst you, he gave me his approbation. I am convinced that he appreciated our loyalty from my conversation with him. I have also the honour to enjoy the friendship of his successor and I have no doubt whatsoever, that we will also enjoy his confidence and that one and all will afford him our loyalty and support in his great task."

On 6th November, 1951, the Earl of Scarbrough was installed as M.W. the Grand Master at a Especial Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The Especial Meeting was attended by 8000 prominent Masons, including Grand Masters and representatives of 25 other Grand Lodges. In view of the unavoidable illness of H. M. King George VI, who was actually to have carried out the Installation, that ceremony was performed by the Acting Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Lord Derby. The Earl of Scarbrough, previously known to the Bombay District as Sir Roger Lumley, he being some years back the District Grand Master of Bombay, was installed in the gilt and velvet chair, made for the Prince of Wales in 1791, as their Grand Master, the Ruler of the Mother Grand Lodge of the World.

Keeping in view the requirements of representation in the south, a Special Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, on 15th December, 1951. Unfortunately, there was no representative from the East Punjab Lodges attending that Meeting, a feature that had become frequent of late.

The year 1951 closed with 35 Lodges on the Roll of the District and 1786 subscribing Brethren. There were 119 initiations, 116 joinings, 106 resignations, 58 exclusions and



7 deaths. Lodges "Faith", "Cabul River", "Kitchener", "Stewart", and "Quetta" were the Lodges which showed a good amount of work.

On 6th February, 1952, His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI, a beloved Brother, breathed his last. The news was received with great sorrow all over the world and the District Grand Lodge was placed in Masonic mourning.

In March, 1952, the Annual Meeting of the District at Lahore was attended by Wor. Bro. F.C. Kidd, D.D.G.M. Bengal, amongst many distinguished visitors present that day. At that Meeting the D.G.M. intimated that the new District of Northern India was being created by M.W. the Grand Master; the boundaries of the new District to encompass that portion of the present District of the Punjab which lay within the Republic of India. The D.G.M. also mentioned that His Highness the Rajpramukh of PEPSU, namely, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala, had been appointed the new District Grand Master.

On 16th June, 1952, Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413 temporarily working at Middlesex, petitioned M. W. the Grand Master for the permanent transfer of the Lodge from the District of the Punjab to the Province of Middlesex. The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to accord sanction to the said permanent transfer as and from 1st October, 1952. Thus was lost another Lodge from the Roll of the District.

Close on the heels of the above loss, Lodge "Shankaracharya" No. 6251 whose membership of active Brethren had dwindled to about 8, finally resolved at its Regular Meeting on 20th May, 1952, to recommend closure of the Lodge. There was hardly any prospect of survival for this Lodge. Finally on 14th August, 1952, Lodge "Shankaracharya" No. 6251 held its last Meeting, when the resolution passed in open Lodge on 20th May, 1952, recommending the liquidation of the Lodge, was put to the vote and confirmed. Wor. Bro. W.A. Nedou, a founder member and one of the oldest stalwarts of this Lodge, returned the Warrant to the Grand Secretary in September, 1952. [This Lodge was finally erased from the Roll of the Grand Lodge on 4th March, 1953].



## PARTITION AND REORGANISATION

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In 1952 M.W. the Grand Master created a new District (District Grand Lodge of Northern India) and appointed H.H. the Rajpramukh of PEPSU to be the first D.G.M. of the said District. A few words in retrospect, giving the facts leading up to the formation of this new District, will not be out

of place. Immediately after Partition, in the first half of 1948, efforts were made by a few of the East Punjab Lodges to shift the District Grand Lodge from Lahore to some suitable place in East Punjab or Delhi. Resolutions were passed in this respect by Lodges "Jumna" No. 1394 and "St. John the Evangelist" No. 1483, but nothing came out of these resolutions. In 1948-49 the D.G.M. Punjab, in collaboration with the D.G. Ms. of Bombay, Bengal and Madras, had been entrusted with the work of ascertaining, inter alia, the views of Brethren of the three Districts affected by the Partition as to whether new District Grand Lodges should be formed in those territories or the boundaries of those Districts should be revised. In that connection the D.G.M. Punjab had informed M.W. the Grand Master to allow things to remain as they were and to await further developments. However, the matter did not rest there. The Brethren of the Craft Lodges in East Punjab and Delhi found it very difficult to attend District Meetings at Lahore. Likewise, the District was unable to hold any Meeting in East Punjab or Delhi. Accordingly, on 26th March, 1950, an informal meeting of Past Masters of Lodges operating in Delhi and East Punjab was held to chalk out a plan of action for the creation of a new District. A "Ways and Means Committee" was formed with Wor. Bro. K.R. Khosla, as the Convener. Other important Brethren at the helm of direction were Wor. Bros. Jaghir Sawhney, Major-General H. William and Dewan Charanjit Lal. On 22nd April, 1950, two petitions were addressed by the "Ways and Means Committee" to M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to sub-divide the Punjab District and to create a new District Grand Lodge for East Punjab and Delhi. These petitions were followed up by letters dated 29th May, 1950, 2nd September, 1950, 13th November, 1950, 22nd January, 1951, 26th March, 1951, and 25th June, 1951, addressed to the Grand Secretary. Finally, in January/February, 1952, the approval to the formation of the new District for Northern India was accorded by M. W. the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of England directed that the Installation ceremony should take place on or after 15th July. Accordingly, on 30th July, 1952, the inauguration of the District Grand Lodge of Northern India and the Installation of the new District Grand Master took place at Freemasons' Hall, Queensway, New Delhi. Unfortunately, Lt.-General Ross Cairns McCay, the D.G.M. Punjab—who was then holding a Military position in the Government of Pakistan—could not visit Delhi and personally install the new D.G.M. In these circumstances, Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Aiyar, D.G.M. Madras, was invited to perform the ceremony. Rt. Wor. Bro. Major-General William acted as Director of Ceremonies.



The Installation Ceremony was conducted with superb skill by the D.G.M. Madras. No less than 300 Brethren attended the function. With the creation of this new District, 16 Craft Lodges functioning in East Punjab and Delhi came within the jurisdiction of the new Masonic District of Northern India. The two Craft Lodges in Kashmir, namely, "Takhat-i-Suliman" No. 3043 and "Shankaracharya" No. 6251 were not permitted by M.W. the Grand Master to come under the new District, since the future of Kashmir was still politically undetermined.

The Autumnal Meeting of the District was held at Freemasons' Hall, Rawalpindi, on 25th October, 1952. At that Meeting the Notice of Motion given earlier for the amendment of the By-laws of the District for the creation of the District Board of Benevolence, was duly put to vote and passed. This was in pursuance of amendment made by the Grand Lodge in its Book of Constitutions permitting District Grand Lodges to have a District Board of Benevolence. Thus, with the creation of this new Board, the matter of charitable grants came to be vested in the Board of Benevolence, instead of the District Board of General Purposes.

On 19th December, 1952, THE GOOD COMPANIONS' LODGE No. 7180 (Warranted on 7th May, 1952) was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Strachen Road, Karachi. Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairns McCay, D.G.M., acted as the Consecrating and Installing Master. The D.G.M. was assisted by a retinue of District Grand Lodge Officers. Also present at the ceremony were 33 Past Masters and 34 Master Masons. Wor. Bro. R.A. Bergl was installed as the first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were Bros. R.A. Bergl, S. Cook, L. S. Freeman, B. Kent, A.R. MacDonald, J. Wilkie and Bro. J. M. Whittaker. An interesting account of the Consecration Meeting of this Lodge appears in the March, 1953, issue of the Indian Masonic Journal.

To coincide with the consecration of Lodge "Good Companions" No. 7180, a Special Meeting of the District was held at Karachi, on 20th December, 1952. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. congratulated the new Lodge on its birth, wished it great success and accorded it a hearty and sincere welcome on behalf of the District.

The year 1952 closed with a despondent note. The Punjab District was only left with 18 Lodges on its Roll. The number of subscribing members also stood at the greatly reduced figure of 910. Lodges "Hardinge", "Prince Albert Victor", "Roos-Keppel" and "Good Companions" were about the only Lodges showing any appreciable accretion in their membership. Lodges "Wahab", "K.B.B. Rajkotwalla" and "Faith" were the three Lodges mainly affected by loss in membership.

The severe reduction in the number of Lodges in the District in the middle of 1952 created a considerable deficit in the proposed budget of income and expenditure for the year 1953. It was therefore found necessary to consider ways and means to balance the budget. Without curtailing expenditure on the staff, but, however, providing for reduction of other expenditure, the Finance Sub-Committee in its Meeting held on 27th January, 1953, recommended:—



- (i) Increase in Honours fees;
- (ii) Increase in Dispensation Fees;
- (iii) Increase in dues and Quarterages;
- (iv) Increase in Hall rents payable by Lodges using the Temple;
- and (v) The creation of a new Honour's fee payable by Brethren when installed as Masters of Lodges.

The above recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee, adopted by the District Board of General Purposes, was communicated to the Brethren at the Annual Meeting in 1953 and notice of motion for the amendment of By-Laws, to bring in the desired change, was formally given by the President of the Board of General Purposes. At that Meeting, the

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news of the sad death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Genl. Sir George MacMunn, who was the District Grand Master of the Punjab from 1920-23, was conveyed to the Brethren. The D.G.M. also, in the course of his address, referred to the fact that during the four years he had held charge of the

District he had had to deal with more cases of Masonic offences than he would have liked. He requested Brethren not to lend themselves to party faction, to strive for office, or to desire to be popular in the eyes of others, as these qualities did not form a part of Masonry. The D.G.M. exhorted the Brethren to follow the grand principles on which the Order was founded, namely, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The above was the last Meeting that Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairns McCay presided in his capacity as the District Grand Master of the Punjab, since at the next, he was to install his successor, Wor. Bro. H.J. Pearson. The period of service of Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairns McCay under the Government of Pakistan having come to an end, the D.G.M. was constrained to place his resignation

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in the hands of M.W. the Grand Master. The choice of his successor was not difficult. Wor. Bro. Henry Joseph Pearson, O.B.E., who till then was the District Grand Secretary, by virtue of his experience and high standing, was the most obvious choice. Accordingly, M.W. the Grand Master appointed Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson as the District Grand Master of the Punjab. A Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Rawalpindi, on 16th May, 1953, to instal Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, O.B.E. The Special Meeting was well attended. The ceremony of Installation was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairns McCay. Wor. Bro. Alfred Gilbert was re-appointed Deputy District Grand Master by the new D.G.M. After the Installation ceremony, Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearson, the new D.G.M., alluded with regret to the circumstances which had deprived the District of the wise leadership of the out-going D.G.M. and requested the Brethren to join him in wishing him health, happiness and prosperity in whatever sphere it pleased the Almighty God to direct his footsteps.

At this moment it will not be out of place to give some account of the stewardship of Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairn McCay. When he was installed on 23rd April, 1949, the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District was 30. During his term of office, two new Lodges in the District were added, namely, "Bharat Mata" and "Good Companions" and six others,



namely, "Union," "Industry", "Sukkur", "Faith", "K.B.B. Rajkotwalla" and "Scinde" (operating in Sind) came over from the Bombay to the Punjab District. With the creation of the new District of Northern India, however, 16 Craft Lodges functioning in East Punjab and Delhi were lost. With 3 Lodges transferring themselves to the United Kingdom and 1 surrendering its Warrant, the number of Lodges finally on the Roll at the time of Lieut.-Genl. McCay's departure was 18. Every effort was made by Lieut.-Genl. McCay to preserve the integrity of the District, but compelling circumstances forced him to happily accede to the creation of a new District and thus grant to the Craft Lodges operating in East Punjab and Delhi their rightful due of having a District of their own. Credit must be given to Lieut.-Genl. McCay for the able manner in which he brought about the transfer of the Sind Lodges from the Bombay to the Punjab District and the good grace and magnanimity with which he recognized and accepted the claims of the Indian Brethren to a separate District of their own.

The sixteenth District Grand Master, namely, Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry Joseph Pearson was a man whose humble disposition and pleasant personality ranked only second to that of Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Pease, the eleventh District Grand Master. No sweeter and more likeable Brother had ever held the charge of the Punjab District than Wor. Bro. H.J. Pearson. Those who knew him will record with satisfaction the many humble duties that he performed notwithstanding his high station, in assisting in the working of the Lodges, in preserving the District and in advancing the cause of the Order. The meek and humble character of the sixteenth District Grand Master of the Punjab is to some extent projected in the speech he delivered after his Installation, a small excerpt of which is reproduced below:—

"It is usual Brethren on an occasion such as this to touch on the more personal aspect. I was initiated into Masonry in this District in March, 1920, and if my memory is good, was raised in June of that year. I realised at once that there was much more in the science than appeared on the surface. I have endeavoured in my humble way to serve the order without thought of the hope of reward which sweetens labour. I have never shirked a duty but if it has been possible to sidestep an honour I have unhesitatingly sidestepped. I claim no merit for this it is but the way I am built. I am now faced with a duty and an honour which there is no sidestepping. I am very conscious of the great honour which has been done me. To those who have thought fit to confer it I am very grateful. I am, however, even more acutely conscious of the responsibility which the duty brings. I am reminded of the instruction given to new Masters in certain jurisdictions that the power conferred is to be used wisely and well and always for the welfare of the Brethren so that the peace, love and harmony is not disturbed. This, Brethren, is a motto to which I always tried to work and it is one which I shall continue to adhere so far as is possible."



The Autumnal Meeting in October was also held at Rawalpindi, at which notice of motion given on 25th April, 1953, for the amendment of the By-Laws raising certain fees, dues, etc., was put to vote and confirmed. The new D.G.M. referred to the distribution of the assets of the District of the Punjab, on the request made by the District of Northern India and intimated that he had written to the new District that the same was not possible, but that certain concessions, which the Board had considered fit to offer, could be granted. [These concessions were not availed by the new District and were eventually never granted.]

The year 1953 saw 17 initiations, 56 joinings, 30 resignations, 30 exclusions, 2 deaths, and 48 other decreases. The number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 921, higher by 25 than the figure for the previous year. Lodges deserving special mention for their good work were "Quetta", "Cabul River", "Roos-Keppel", "Light in the Himalayas" and "Hardinge".

The year 1954 was somewhat uneventful, producing nothing spectacular to report. The District held three Meetings, the first in Karachi on 26th January, 1954, the second (Annual) at Lahore on 27th March, 1954, and the third again at Lahore on 29th October, 1954. At the last Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the sad demise of Rt. Wor. Bro. G.D. Barne who had been the District Grand Master from 1932 to 1948, as a severe loss not only to Masonry in general but to the District in particular. As a mark of respect to this departed Brother, the Brethren rose, turned to the East and stood in silence.

One noteworthy feature in the year 1954 was the large collections received by the Punjab Masonic Institutions for its charities from the Brethren of the District. Side by side, the District also subscribed generously to the Punjab Flood Relief Fund to mitigate the suffering of the population of the Punjab (Pakistan) affected by the floods in the Province during September and October. A sum of 500 guineas received by the District from the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence was not used on any member of the Fraternity but for the relief of the really poor and needy through the Red Cross Society of Pakistan. The District Grand Lodge also assisted in distributing some 1000 blankets, which was in addition to the good work done by Brethren at their own individual levels.

Likewise, the year 1955, apart from its two District Meeting, one at Karachi on 11th February, 1955, and the other at Lahore on 2nd April, 1955, did not have anything important to report. The deaths of Wor. Bros. Buckley and Kent, well-known in the Karachi area, and Wor. Bro. Rai Sahib Chuni Lal, an old active member of the Masonic Fraternity in Lahore and one having rendered great service to the District, were losses which the District recorded with sorrow.

At the Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Karachi in February, the D.G.M. referred to two matters, one touching "the education" of the Brethren of the Lodges, and the other about "the administration." The D.G.M. referred to (1) times when a Lodge could be short of experienced Brethren and education of the junior Brethren



was essential and (2) when owing to leniency on the part of Lodge Committees, persons who should not be members were admitted. As regards the first, the D.G.M. pointed out that teaching inexperienced Brethren was always possible by either inviting one or more well informed Brothers of some other Lodge to join the instance Lodge or by the creation of a Lodge of Instruction. As regards the second point, the D.G.M. intimated that it was necessary for members either to reconcile with the admission of a Brother or to remove him and, if the latter course was not possible, to lay a Masonic complaint well supported by incontrovertible evidence in accordance with Rule 184 Book of Constitution. One criterion which should assist members in knowing if a person who desired to become a member was suitable, was to consider whether the candidate was such as could be welcomed in one's own home as a guest; if not, he was to be considered unfit to be a member of a Lodge.

The usual Autumnal Meeting of the District was not held in 1955. The D.G.M. voluntarily cancelled this Meeting so as not to divert the energy of the Brethren who were actively concerned in helping those affected by the floods. The appalling floods of last September and October had left deep scars and relief work was still in progress.

The years 1954 and 1955 saw 873 and 866 subscribing members respectively at the end of December in each year. Amongst the casualties in 1954, resignations and exclusions accounted for the greatest number. Exchange Control regulations, which made it difficult for Brethren to remit their dues from foreign countries, accentuated to some extent the exclusions.

The year 1956 started with a Special Meeting of the District at Karachi on 26th January, 1956.

In April, Lodge "Takht-i-Suliman" No. 3043, Srinagar, for administrative reasons, was transferred by M.W. the Grand Master to the District of Northern India; the change taking place with effect from 1st April. Thus was lost another Lodge.

The usual Annual Meeting was held at Lahore on 7th April, 1956. At that Meeting, Wor. Bro. John George, P.G.D., Asstt. D.G.M. (Bombay), P.D.G.W., was appointed and invested as the Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. In the investiture of officers that took place that day, Wor. Bros. Sir Tayabali Karimjee and W. Newton Booth were appointed District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively.

In May, 1956, M.W. the Grand Master paid a flying visit to Pakistan while on his way to attend the Coronation Ceremonies of the King of Nepal. The Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. John George attended M.W. the Grand Master and acquainted him with matters Masonic in the country.

A few months later, M.W. Bro. Judge C.W. Froessel, a Past Grand Master of the State of New York, visited Pakistan. While in Karachi, he was conducted by Wor. Bro. Sir Tayabali H.A. Karimjee and afforded all the assistance he desired.



The year 1956 ended with 886 subscribing members, an increase of 38 over the figure for the previous year. The number of Lodges on the Roll of the District stood reduced by 1 to 17. There were 82 initiations and 49 joinings against 39 resignations, 27 exclusions, 4 deaths and 23 other reductions. The District held three Meetings, one each at Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi on 26th January, 1956, 7th April, 1956, and 27th October, 1956, respectively. The Meetings were well attended.

In January, 1957, the Special Winter Meeting of the District at Karachi was highlighted by the welcome offered to Rt. Wor. Bro. A.M. Davidson, D.G.M. of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan, Scottish Constitution, and Wor. Bro. Greig, District Sub-Grand Master, D.G.L. of Pakistan, Scottish Constitution, who were present at and graced that Meeting. The said Meeting was held under the Banner of Lodge "Faith" No. 2438 and was well attended.

At the Annual Meeting in April, 1957, Wor. Bro. Sir Tayabali Karimjee and Lt. Col. J.S. Thompson were appointed and invested as the District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. alluded to the sad demise of Wor. Bro. P.B.P. Mana and Wor. Bro. C. Wollen. Wor. Bro. C. Wollen had, for many years, served the District in various capacities including that of President of the Board of General Purposes. In respect to their memory, Brethren stood to order and turned to the East, as a last tribute of respect to departed merit.

The year closed with the Autumnal Meeting of the District being held at Rawalpindi on 26th October, 1957.

In 1958, Wor. Bros. Sir Tayabali Karimjee and Dr. H.M. Selzer were appointed as the District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. The appointment of Dr. H.M. Selzer to this high office was the first step in the grooming of this Brother for the high position which he was subsequently to hold.

Three Meetings were held as usual in 1958, one each at Karachi, Lahore, and Rawalpindi.

The work done in 1957 and 1958 was indeed commendable. There were 77 initiations, 36 joinings, 43 resignations, 40 exclusions and 4 deaths in 1957. In 1958 there were 90 initiations, 45 joinings and 95 casualties (under resignations, exclusions and deaths). The number of subscribing members at the end of December 1957 and 1958 was 912 and 954 respectively. Lodges which were particularly busy in 1957 was "Hardinge," "Quetta," and "Union" and those in 1958 were "Quetta," "Mooltan" and "Prince Albert Victor."

The arrival in the early part of 1959 of Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord MacDonald, I.P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Scotland, Rt. Wor. Bro. Alexander E. Buchan, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Wor. Bro. E. Greig, Hon. G.I.G., Grand Lodge of Scotland, produced great activity in Masonic Circles in Karachi. A Special Meeting of the District was specially convened at Karachi on 27th February, 1959, under the Banner of Lodge "Good Companions" to accord a

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befitting welcome to these honoured guests. In addition to these foreign dignitaries, Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla, D.G.M., District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (S.C.), with 4 senior members of the Pakistan Scottish District, also graced the occasion. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. accorded a hearty welcome to the distinguished Brethren on behalf of the District and for the honour they had done him by being present on that occasion. This was the first time in living memory that a Past Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution had been present at a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge. This was also Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla's first visit to a Meeting of the English District, after his Installation as the D G.M.

At the above Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the impending departure of Wor. Bro. John George, D.D.G.M., and thanked Bro. George, who was present there, on behalf of the Brethren of the District and himself for the great assistance he had given to the District over the past many years.

In November, 1958, the D.G.M. and several of his Officers attended a Meeting of Lodge "Union" No. 767 Karachi, to give a befitting welcome to Wor. Bro. Sir Allan Adair, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Lodge of England, who broke his journey at Karachi during a visit to the Far East on Masonic duty. The Meeting was well attended by the Brethren of all the three Constitutions.

In April, 1959, Wor. Bro. Leonard Russell Standard and Wor. Bro. Dr. H.M. Selzer were appointed and invested as Deputy District Grand Master and District Senior Grand Warden respectively, in the investiture of officers that took place at that Annual Meeting.

The "Union" Lodge No. 767, Karachi, completed its Centenary in the second quarter of 1959. Unfortunately, the Lodge could not receive its Centenary Warrant. A break in the normal course of its Meetings had disrupted the continuous existence of this Lodge for a 100 years and thus deprived it of that honour.

In 1959 the Autumnal Meeting was not held at Rawalpindi but at Quetta on 10th October, 1959. The last Meeting of the District held in Quetta was on 5th April, 1940, when the new Temple was dedicated. Since 1940, Quetta had suffered much. Two Lodges had surrendered their Warrants, two Lodges had removed themselves to the U.K., and one had removed itself to Karachi. The only English Constitution Lodge still in existence in Quetta, under whose Banner the District Meeting was held, was "Quetta" and the D.G.M. wished the Lodge all good luck in its efforts in spreading the light of Masonry in that frontier station. The Meeting was well attended and widely appreciated.

On 7th December, 1959, Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 formally received its Centenary Warrant and held its Centenary Festival. It had completed its Centenary in December, 1958, but the Centenary Festival was held one year late. This was also the Installation Meeting of the Lodge and Bro. S. A. Hakim was installed as the Wor. Master. The Lodge received its Centenary Warrant at the hands of Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, D.G.M., and thus established its proof of continuous existence in Lahore for over a 100



years. This was the fourth Lodge in the Punjab District to receive a Centenary Warrant. This was no mean achievement, since a Lodge with a break in its regular schedule of meetings, for any reason, has to count its period of existence afresh to qualify for the Centenary Warrant.

The year 1959 witnessed heavy resignations and exclusions; the latter being the cause of the shifting nature of the population. Lodges "Wahab" and "Good Companions" showed no work at all that year, whereas Lodges "Hardinge", "Scinde" and "Hope and Perseverance" were the active ones. The year closed with a total membership of 902 on the Rolls of the Lodges in the District.

An interesting matter not concerning the Punjab District, but sister Districts in India, was the formation of a Committee to examine the steps necessary to form a Grand Lodge in that country. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Harold Williams, a Mason of wide experience, was appointed its Chairman.

Three Meetings of the Punjab District were held in 1960, one each in Karachi, Lahore, and Rawalpindi. At the Autumnal Meeting in Pindi on 22nd October, the D.G.M. referred to the passing away of Wor. Bro. Sir Hissam-ud-Din, a Past Warden of the District, who was well-known to the Brethren in Rawalpindi and Peshawar and whose death had left a wide gap in the ranks of Lodge "Roos-Keppel". Brethren stood to order in silence for a short time, in respect to the memory of this departed Brother. Further, the D.G.M., in the course of his address, also referred to the transfer of the Capital of the Government from Karachi to Pindi and informed the Rawalpindi Brethren that they now had an unrivalled opportunity for making that city a large centre of Masonic activity in the District.

The year 1960 was an active year. Lodges "Sukkur", "Mooltan", "Hardinge" and "Union" showed good working. Several Lodges had 4 initiations or more each to their credit. With 78 initiations, 34 joinings, 55 resignations, 22 exclusions and 7 other casualties, the number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 929.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II paid a visit to Pakistan during the early part of 1961. The Earl of Scarbrough, M.W. the Grand Master, who was on duty with Her Majesty also accompanied the party. M.W. the Grand Master was not able to undertake any specific Masonic function, because of his multifarious duties, but he asked, in a letter addressed to the D.G.M. that the D.G.M. should convey to the Brethren of the District his greetings and good wishes. This was accordingly done at the Annual Meeting on 25th March, 1961.

At the above Annual Meeting, the D.G.M. regretted the death, in tragic circumstances, of Wor. Bro. E. J. Chowna of Lodge "Cabul River" and stated that the District had lost in him a Brother who always had the good of Masonry at heart and whose departure left the District poorer by his absence. The D.G.M. also referred to six other



Brethren who had answered the summons from the Grand Lodge above and requested the Brethren to rise and stand in silent prayer in their memory, which was accordingly done.

Soon after the demise of these Brethren, the District was struck by the lamentable death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry Joseph Pearson, the District Grand Master himself, who passed to the Grand Lodge above on 29th June, 1961. During early 1961, the D.G.M.'s health had begun to fail and he consented to undergo a surgical operation. In May he went to London for that purpose and was admitted to the Royal Masonic Hospital, but just one day after having completed his 69th year of life, he breathed his last.

#### DISTRICT LOSES PEARSON

A Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 22nd July, 1961, to mourn the loss of this noble Brother. This Lodge of Sorrow was presided by Wor. Bro. Dr. H.M. Selzer, D.S.G.W. In the course of his address, Wor. Bro. Selzer referred to the loss of the D.G.M. as the loss of a beloved friend, a very faithful Brother, an invaluable conductor and an irreplaceable leader in Masonry, whose passing had created a gap which it would be difficult to bridge and a vacuum which it would most probably be impossible to fill from a Masonic point of view. Wor. Bro. Selzer stated that Wor. Bro. Pearson would always remain in the estimation of the Brethren as the quintessence of Masonic qualifications and reminded the Brethren not only to remember what he was and did, but also what he would have liked the District to be and to do after his death.

Perhaps no more touching a scene and no greater a Memorial Service was ever held at the Freemasons' Hall at Lahore than that on 22nd July, 1961. The Lodge of Sorrow, in which was included the Memorial Service, was in every respect complete, whether from the view point of the psalm, the requiem or the prayers that were recited, or the hymn that was sung, or the last post or reveille that was sounded, or the Memorial Address that was delivered from the Eastern Chair. Brethren came from far and wide to pay their last tribute to this noble Brother and they departed with tears in their eyes.

The untimely demise of Wor. Bro. Pearson did not leave the District without leadership for any great length of time. Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer, M.D., having been appointed to that high office by M. W. the Grand Master, the Autumnal Meeting of the District was selected to install this worthy Brother. The new D.G.M. was installed at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 14th October, 1961, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. The good fortune of installing the new D.G.M. fell to the lot of Wor. Bro. L. R. Stannard, D.D.G.M. After the installation, the new D.G.M. appointed and invested Wor. Bro. Leslie Arthur Hamilton Dickens, as his Deputy District Grand Master.

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At this stage, it will not be out of place to refer to the good work done by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson during his stewardship as the head of the Craft in the western wing of Pakistan. At the time of his installation in May, 1953, Wor. Bro. Pearson took over 18



Lodges with approximately 900 subscribing members. The creation of the new District Grand Lodge of Northern India in 1952 had depleted the number of Lodges attached with the Punjab District by 16, and the impact of this reduction was felt over a number of years. Wor. Bro. Pearson by his great tenacity and perseverance overcame the great problems that came his way and repaired many breaches in the rank and file of Lodges by his sincerity of purpose and purity of heart. He rallied all the Brethren and instilled in them the enthusiasm required for carrying on Masonic activities. At the time of his demise, though there were only 17 Lodges with an aggregate membership of roughly 900 subscribing Brethren, the District was much healthier and the tone of the working of the Lodges more sound and firm.

As a mark of respect and token of regard to Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearson, a Memorial Fund (called "The Henry Joseph Pearson Memorial Fund", which still exists today) was started, with the object of affording assistance to persons other than Masons and to support non-Masonic causes.

Before the end of the year, Lodge "Industry" No. 873, Hyderabad, completed its Centenary. V. Wor. Bro. J. Stubbs, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge, intimated to the Lodge that M. W. the Grand Master had approved the grant of the Centenary Warrant to cover the period from 28th September, 1861, and that the Lodge could celebrate its Centenary on or after 28th September, 1961. The 100th Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Fakirji P. Golwalla, J. P., installed the 101st Master, Wor. Bro. Dr. Mohd Ibrahim Sheikh (now Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan, Scottish Constitution) on the 11th November, 1961, and the Centenary was celebrated in a befitting manner. Unfortunately, due to the recent demise of Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, the District was not adequately represented at the auspicious celebrations. This was thus the fifth Lodge in the District to be granted a Centenary Warrant.

Lodges "Hardinge", "Cabul River" and "Mooltan" headed the list of Lodges showing the highest number of initiations in 1961 and Lodges "Prince Albert Victor" and "Industry" the highest number of joinings in the year. However, Lodges "Hardinge", "Mooltan" and "Cabul River" also led in the number of reductions. The number of subscribing members at the end of 1961 was 914.

Turning our attention for a moment to the neighbouring country of India, one cannot

**GRAND LODGE OF INDIA INAUGURATED** omit to mention the Inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India that took place on 24th November, 1961. Before an account is given of this great festival, it is necessary to trace the facts leading up to the formation of this Grand Lodge. For a number of years the three Grand Masters of England, Ireland and Scotland had been engaged with the question of the formation of a sovereign Grand Lodge of India, consequent on the various representations received by them in that regard. Towards the end of 1960, the three Grand Masters met and agreed to the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of India and promised their active co-operation to the Indian Brethren in realizing their cherished goal. Accordingly, a fully representative Steering Committee consisting of 18 members was set up to advise the three Grand Masters on the



steps to be taken. The members of the Steering Committee consisted of Indian representatives of the three main Constitutions. This Committee, after great deliberation, formulated a draft Constitution for the Grand Lodge of India and submitted the same with their recommendations to the three Grand Masters, which was accepted. The draft Constitution provided for the election of the Grand Master of India by a representative body of the Indian Freemasons and the appointment of four Regional Grand Masters to be appointed by the Grand Master of India. The headquarters of the Grand Lodge was fixed in Delhi. On a referendum taken in May, 1961, 143 of 276 Lodges operating in India, under the three sister Constitutions, decided in favour of joining the Grand Lodge of India. The breakdown of these consenting Lodges regionwise indicated that each Region would have a minimum of 30 Lodges under its jurisdiction.

The Inauguration Meeting of the Grand Lodge of India on 4th November, 1961, at the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, was both unique in its grandeur and pageantry. Such a large gathering of Indian Freemasons had never been seen before in India at any one occasion. It surpassed everything that had taken place earlier. 1491 Freemasons attended the Inauguration Meeting while 1400 attended the Buffet Dinner. The seven member deputation from the Grand Lodge of England was headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Rt. Hon'ble The Earl of Cadogan, M.C., D.L., Deputy Grand Master. The three member deputation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland was headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. George S. Gamble, Deputy Grand Master. The four member deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was headed by M. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon'ble the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, T.D., D.L., Grand Master Mason of Scotland. The programme of ceremony was as follows: An Occasional Lodge was first opened by the D.G.M. Bengal and the three Grand Lodge Delegations were admitted, welcomed and saluted. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland was requested to take the Chair, which he did. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland then Consecrated the Grand Lodge of India, during which he scattered Corn, whilst the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland poured the Wine, and the Deputy Grand Master of England poured Oil. The Grand Lodge being Consecrated, the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland then took the chair. He then constituted the Grand Lodge of India "to exercise all the rights and privileges of a Grand Lodge according to the ancient usages and land-marks of the Craft". Finally, the Deputy Grand Master of England took the chair and obligated and invested Most. Wor. Bro. Maj. Gen. H. H. Dr. Sir Syed Raza Ali Khan, Nawab of Rampur, as Most Wor. the Grand Master, and installed him on the throne of the Grand Lodge of India. After his installation, M. W. the Grand Master of India then appointed, obligated and invested his Deputy Grand Master and the three Assistant Grand Masters, announced the appointment of the four Regional Grand Masters and finally appointed and invested his Grand Lodge Officers. The District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was represented at this Inauguration Meeting by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer, D.G.M.

Two Meetings only were held in 1962, the Annual Meeting at Lahore on 2nd March, 1962, and the Autumnal Meeting at Rawalpindi on 13th October, 1962. At the latter Meeting, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that he had decided to introduce certain



changes in the ceremonial of District Grand Lodge Meetings and desired that the holy books of all the faiths should be placed and kept open during all Meetings. The D.G.M. also intimated that the holy books should not be placed on the ground but on some high pedestal or table. [At a later stage the District Board of General Purposes also resolved not to open the bar till Lodge meetings were completely and finally over. This was to prevent Brethren handling their holy books after having taken alcohol before the Meeting.]

On 24th November, 1962, THE CHENAB LODGE No. 7857, Lyallpur, was Consecrated at Lahore. The Consecration ceremony was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer, D.G.M., assisted by other distinguished District Grand Lodge Officers. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. J.J.V.C. Cunningham, (then Managing Director of the Mithalak Stud Farms, Sargodha) was installed as the first Master. It had been Wor. Bro. John Abel's desire for many years to establish a Masonic Lodge in Lyallpur, but it was not till Wor. Bro. J.J.V.C. Cunningham of Sargodha and other European Brethren working with foreign Consultants to West Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority got together, that a Lodge was finally established in Lyallpur. After the Consecration Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, the subsequent Meetings were held at the Coronation Library, Lyallpur, where they continue to be held even now. The Warrant of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge on 12th September, 1962. The founder members of "Chenab" were Wor. Bros. J. Abel, Lt.-Col. J.J.V. Cunningham, Kenneth M. Odell, George C. Poston, Harry R. Ungerer and Abdur Rashid and Bro. Dick W.G. Hewett.

The year 1962 thus saw the number of Lodges on the Roll of the District higher by one to 18. The year was very happy and successful; the working of the Lodges was efficient and harmonious and the quality of the work considerably improved. The number of subscribing members at the end of the year was 928. Lodge "Quetta" was visited by the D.G.M. with his delegation in September, 1962.

On 24th January, 1963, the D.G.M. along with a small deputation visited Lodge "Industry" No. 873, Hyderabad. The D.G.M. was most satisfied to find the Lodge well knit and happy and secure in its high traditions, under the guidance of very sincere and able Brethren.

On 25th January, 1963, the D.G.M. along with his deputation attended a "model working" of a craft degree performed by the Karachi Brethren at the Freemasons' Hall, Karachi. [This was the first model working of its kind and one started in pursuance of a decision taken at the Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held on 2nd November, 1962, which recommended that model working should be arranged on the day preceding District Meetings to enable visiting Brethren from up-country Lodges to get a proper idea of what good working should be like. Since then, model workings on the day preceding District Meetings have been a regular feature.]

On 26th January, 1963, the District Grand Lodge held a Special Meeting under the Banner of Lodge "K.B.B. Rajkotwalla" No. 2531 at Karachi. The Meeting was well attended.



Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla, District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (S.C.) with his Officers, was present. A short paper on "The origin of the Tracing Board" was read by Wor. Bro. L.A.H. Dickens, D.D.G.M., at that Meeting.

Between the Meeting at Karachi in January, 1963, and the Annual Meeting at Lahore in March, 1963, the D.G.M. accompanied by a large group of District Grand Lodge Officers visited Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988 at Sialkot.

The Annual Meeting of the District was well attended at Lahore. At that Meeting the President of the District Board of General Purposes gave notice of motion to amend the By-laws so as to increase the quarterly subscription in respect of every member from Rs. 5 per quarter to Rs. 6.50 per quarter. This amendment was intended to increase the Building Fund allocation from Rs. 0.75 per member per quarter to Rs. 2.25 per member per quarter. The amendment was necessary to provide for approximately and sum of Rs. 10,000 per annum required for the maintenance and protection of the building and other assets of the District. The amendment was finally approved and passed at the District Meeting in April, 1964.

One very noteworthy feature of the above Annual District Meeting in 1963 was the innovation started, namely, the presentation of annual reports by the President of the District Board of Benevolence, the District Grand Secretary and the District Grand Treasurer, with regard to subjects within their respective jurisdictions. [This practice continues upto the present day.] At this Annual Meeting, Wor. Bro. N.J. Patell, a representative of the District Grand Master of Pakistan (S.C.), with his delegation, was present. The Scottish deputation was given a hearty welcome on behalf of the District by the D.G.M.

Towards the middle of 1963, a Masonic publication called "The Pakistan Masonic Review" was started by Wor. Bro. Dara Jehangir from Karachi. The District Grand Lodge recommended support to this publication both by the Lodges and the individual Brethren. [This publication is still current.]

Lodges "Sukkur", "Union", "Scinde" and "Good Companions" caused some worry to the District in 1963. As regards Lodge "Sukkur", apart from its Secretary, Wor. Bro. Isaac, there appeared to be nobody to take much interest in it. As regards the other three Lodges in Karachi, the membership had dwindled with many of the Brethren having left the country. Whilst referring to this state of affairs, the D.G.M. in the course of his address at the Autumnal Meeting of the District held at Peshawar in October, struck a note of apprehension and cautioned that some Lodges might have to hand in their Warrants and advised those Lodges which found it difficult to carry on their 10 or 12 Regular Meetings a year to change their By-laws so as to meet only 4 or 6 times a year. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. referred to the sad demise of Wor. Bro. A. Gilbert, P.D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. Maj. J.S. Hackworthy, P.D.G.S.D., who had rendered yeoman service to the District and the Brethren rose and stood to order in silence, as a token of last respect to them.



Before the close of 1963, Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 (operating in the United Kingdom) transferred its building (Freemasons' Hall) at Peshawar, to Lodge "Roos-Keppel" No. 3374 and, out of the funds received, donated half the sum to the District for repairs and renovations to the living accommodation in the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore. As a gesture of grateful appreciation to Lodge "Khyber" No. 582 for this kindness, the District Grand Lodge named the renovated living rooms in the building as "Khyber Rooms". [The Khyber Rooms are still available as temporary residence for Brethren visiting Lahore on payment of a nominal charge.]

The year 1963 closed with a membership of 934. Lodges "K.B.B. Rajkotwalla", "Chenab", "Mooltan" and "Quetta" were most active and showed good accretion to their membership. Lodges "Stewart", "Scinde", and "Faith" suffered seriously through exclusions and resignations.

In January, 1964, the D.G.M. appointed Wor. Bro. Leslie S. Freeman to the office of Assistant District G and Master of the Punjab. This was in pursuance of a change in the composition of the District Grand Lodge introduced by M.W. the Grand Master on the request of the D.G.M. Approval for this additional District office was granted to assist the D.G.M. in maintaining proper administrative control over the District in which the Lodges, although few in number, were scattered over a very large area.

The new office of A.D.G.M. was conferred on Wor. Bro. L.S. Freeman at the Special Meeting of the District held at Karachi under the Banner of Lodge "Scinde" No. 4284 on 11th January, 1964. Wor. Bro. L.A.H. Dickens, D.D.G.M., delivered a short address on "Masonic Clothing" at that Meeting, which was attended by the cream of the Masonic fraternity in Karachi including a strong Scottish Deputation headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus Minwalla, the Head of the Scottish District in Pakistan.

In the first quarter of 1964 an entente cordiale was established between the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. and the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (Scottish Constitution). To cement fraternal ties and create a sense of unity, the D.G.M. conferred the rank of Past District Senior Grand Warden (Punjab) on Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus Minwalla and the latter in turn conferred the rank of Honorary Deputy District Grand Master of the Scottish District in Pakistan on the D.G.M. This resulted from an atmosphere of friendly co-operation that had been developing over the past two years during which time the District Grand Master of the Scottish District in Pakistan had attended the Special Meetings of the Punjab District at Karachi and the District Grand Master of the Punjab had reciprocated by attending the District Grand Lodge Meetings of the Scottish Constitution. To foster the arrangement, it had become customary to schedule the two Meetings on the same or successive days.

On 3rd April, 1964, the day preceding the Annual District Meeting, a model working of the Entered Apprentice Degree by the American Brethren from Mangla was presented at the Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, for the benefit of the visiting Brethren who had gathered to



attend the District Meeting on the following day. The Pakistani Brethren watched with great pleasure the American working, as it provided a deep and illuminating contrast to the working to which they were familiar.

At the Annual Meeting at Lahore on 4th April, 1964, Wor. Bro. Behram Kausshaw Lohar and Lt. Colonel James John Victor Cunningham were appointed and invested as the Deputy and Assistant District Grand Masters of the Punjab respectively. The Meeting was well represented by a cross section of Brethren from the various Lodges situated in different parts of the District. In the course of his address, the D.G.M. recorded with deep sorrow the deaths of Wor. Bros. Newton Booth and Cyril Matthews, both of which Brethren had rendered great service to the District.

At the above Annual Meeting, some of the representatives of various Lodges and the District Grand Secretary read out the brief Annual Reports relating to the working of the various Lodges in the District. [This was another innovation started with that Meeting. Under Resolution passed at a Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held on 7th February, 1964, each Lodge was directed to send a very brief Annual Report on its working for the preceding twelve months to be read at the Annual District Meeting by a representative of the Lodge concerned, if present, or by the District Grand Secretary. This practice still continues.]

On 6th June, 1964, a deputation of District Grand Lodge Officers headed by the D.G.M. visited Mangla, on the request of American Brethren posted there, and demonstrated the English working of the Entered Apprentice's Degree at the "Square and Compasses Club", Mangla. The Mangla Brethren hosted the District Deputation in lavish style and appreciated the model working of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

At the Autumnal Meeting of the District held at Karachi in October, 1964, notice, of motion was given on behalf of the District Board of General Purposes for amendment to the By-laws of the District to increase the quarterly levy payable per member per quarter from Rs. 6.50 to Rs. 7.00. This was found necessary as the Grand Lodge had reduced the rate of dispensation and registration Fees, etc., and it was necessary to take steps to make good the financial loss resulting from such a reduction in the income of the District. [The amendment was subsequently passed and approved in the Annual Meeting of the District held in March, 1965. Consequent on this amendment, the break-down of the quarterly levy was as follows: General Fund Rs. 3.25, Benevolent Fund Rs. 1.25, Building Fund Rs. 2.35 and Staff Provident Fund Rs. 0.25].

The year 1964 closed with 1003 subscribing members on the Roll of the District. Lodges "Stewart", "Light in the Himalayas" and "Prince Albert Victor" had a very successful year of initiations and joinings. Lodges "Quetta", "Hardinge" and "Union" suffered heavily through resignations and exclusions.

The year 1965 was a mixed year of good work, stresses and strains. The District held three Meetings, the first on 23rd January, 1965, at Rawalpindi, under the Banner of



Lodge "Light in the Himalayas", the second (Annual) on 27th March, 1965, at Lahore, and the third—notwithstanding the September, 1965, Indo-Pakistan War—on 9th October, 1965, at Multan, under the Banner of Lodge "Mooltan".

Lodge "Wahab" No. 988, Sialkot, received its Centenary Warrant in August, 1965. The Centenary Warrant from M. W. the Grand Master covered the period from 16th April, 1863. Unfortunately, due to the very weak position of the Lodge it was unable to hold a Centenary Festival. It received its Centenary Warrant humbly and without any fan-fare or ostentation. Lodge "Wahab" thus became the sixth Lodge in the District to receive a Centenary Warrant.

The Indo-Pakistan War lasting from 6th to 23rd September, 1965, brought about a temporary dislocation of Masonic activities all over the District. This emergency increased the high feelings of patriotism, devotion and loyalty which Brethren bore to their country and further prompted the Brethren to translate them into action and reality. Consequent to the call of duty, every Brother rallied to his position and station and served the interest of the State with the highest devotion and zeal as was expected of a true Pakistani Freemason. Brethren directly connected with the Armed Forces served their country with valour and the undernoted Brethren were awarded very high decorations for their bravery and courage:

Bro. Brig. R. A. Shami  
Wor. Bro. Brig. A. Qayyum Sher  
Bro. Col. G. D. Qazi  
Bro. Brig. Jamil Akhtar Aziz  
Bro. Lt. Col. H.A. Kiani.

Hilal-e-Jurat (posthumous)  
Hilal-e-Jurat.  
Tamgha-e-Pakistan.  
Imtiaz Sanad.  
Imtiaz Sand.

A brass plate to commemorate the beloved memory of Bro. Brig. R. A. Shami, for his gallant service on the field of battle in the cause of his country, was affixed on the landing to the main staircase in the Freemasons' Hall building at Lahore. Lodge "Wahab" at Sialkot, which temporarily could not meet in its building, continued to meet in the cellar of a Brother's house just after the war, till the Lodge building was again made available for use. Brethren on duty did not take "French Leave" to attend Lodge meetings. They did not even take leave to see their near and dear ones, until it was certain it was without detriment to the cause of their country. The interest of the State was placed at the highest level and nothing was allowed to interfere with it.

The District Grand Lodge did not fall short in assisting charities connected with the country's War effort. As regards the Brethren in general, large sums were privately donated by them to finance the War effort and other charitable activities connected with the emergency. At the October Meeting of the District at Multan, Wor. Bro. B. K. Lohar, D.D.G.M., who presided at the Meeting in the absence of the D.G.M., exhorted the Brethren as Masons to rise to the occasion and help the Government in every possible way and prayed for the success and preservation of the country.



In the last quarter of 1965, Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 at Peshawar, moved to Lahore. In January that year, it became evident that due to a paucity of members in Peshawar, it was not possible for two Lodges to continue there and the D.G.M. proposed to bring Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 to Lahore as a Lodge of Research and allow Lodge "Roos-Keppel" No. 3374 to consolidate itself at Peshawar. A circular was therefore issued by the D.G.M. to all reigning and past Masters in Lahore inviting them to join and thereby assist in rehabilitating Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 at Lahore. On a favourable response being received, nine past Masters permanently residing in Lahore were favourably balloted as joining members of Lodge "Hardinge" at its Regular Meeting at Peshawar on 17th April, 1965. At the same Meeting, the D.G.M., who was also accepted as a joining member, was elected as Master of the Lodge. The D.G.M. was installed as the Master of Lodge "Hardinge" at Peshawar on 15th May, 1965. The Lodge then went into summer recess and opened at Lahore for the first time on 23rd October, 1965, as a Past Master's Research Lodge. The October Meeting being the Election Meeting, Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan was elected as the Master for the ensuing year. Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754 thus found permanent bearings at its third station, after its birth at Risalpur in 1909 and transfer to Peshawar in 1950.

The year 1965 ended with 1050 subscribing Brethren on the Roll of the District, showing an increase of 59 over the figure for the previous year. There were 75 initiations, 51 joinings, 48 resignations, 10 exclusions and 9 deaths in the year. As in the past, a strong Scottish delegation led by Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla, head of the Scottish District in Pakistan, attended the Annual Festival at Lahore on 27th March, 1965.

The years 1966 and 1967 witnessed in all only five Meetings of the District at various stations. The Meetings in 1966 were held at Hyderabad on 5th February, Lahore on 16th April, and Karachi on 19th November and those in 1967 at Lahore on 18th March and Karachi on 25th November. At the Meetings held at Hyderabad and Karachi in 1966, the Scottish delegation led by Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla was present and accorded the warm welcome due to its status. At the Annual Meetings held on 16th April, 1966, and 18th March, 1967, the D.G.M. appointed and invested Wor. Bro. Frank William Sutton and Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan, as the Assistant District Grand Masters for the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 respectively.

In March, 1966, presumably in the interest of national security, the Pakistan Military Authorities issued a directive making it contrary to regulations for any member belonging to the Armed Forces to attend meetings of organisations such as Freemasonry, Rotary International and the Lion's Club. This was a great blow to the Fraternity, as the District lost as active members, a number of very able and zealous Brethren. All attempts to have the Government order reviewed, failed and the District settled down to the realisation that at least for some time it would not have the backing of that section of the community which had always played a leading part in the institution and which, in the days of its inception in the Punjab, had laid the foundation stone and nursed the Fraternity through difficult times.



**THE DISTRICT  
GRAND LODGE  
OF PAKISTAN**

In the middle of 1967 a letter was received by the District from the Grand Secretary dated 15th June, 1967, intimating that M.W. the Grand Master had permitted the change in the name of the District from The District Grand Lodge of the Punjab to The District Grand Lodge of Pakistan. This was in keeping with the aspirations of the Brethren to have the name of their District representative of their country and the hope that eventually all the Lodges in Pakistan would be united under one District.

On 27th June, 1967, the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England and the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, G.C.V.O., A.D.C., as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was held at the Especial Grand Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Over 7500 Brethren from all over the world attended this Especial Grand Lodge, which was a feast of pagentry never before witnessed in the annals of Freemasonry in any part of the globe. Sixty-five Grand Masters (of whom more than half were accompanied by their respective Deputations) and sixty-four Provincial and District Grand Masters, apart from the Grand Master Mason of Scotland (with his Deputation) and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland (with his Deputation), were some of the very distinguished guests at that unique festival. The gathering represented five and a half million members of the Craft from all over the world, exemplifying the high purpose which Masonry holds over the globe. The festival illustrated that the flame which was set alight at the Goose and Gridiron in 1717, when the foundation of the United Grand Lodge of England was first laid, was still bright and strong and the message of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth still had a meaning for true and upright men of all caste and creeds all over the world.

The above Especial Grand Lodge consisted of two main parts, the first to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, and the second to install H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, G.C.V.O., A.D.C., as M.W. the Grand Master. The first part of the ceremony was presided by M.W. Pro. Grand Master, The Earl of Scarbrough. M.W. Bro. Booth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, (the first daughter Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of England) and M.W. Bro. Bregamont, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Belgium (the juniormost Grand Lodge in the Old World) tendered greetings of their respective Grand Lodges to the United Grand Lodge on its 250th Anniversary. Rt. Wor. Bro. The Earl of Cadogan, Deputy Grand Master, thanked Bros. Booth and Bregamont and concluded the Meeting by an address, highlighting the value of Freemasonry and the great service the Brethren were rendering in social and charitable activities all over the world. The second part of the ceremony, which related to the Installation of the new Grand Master, was also presided by M.W. the Pro. Grand Master, The Earl of Scarbrough, who obligated and invested H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as the new Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Earl of Donoughmore, M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Sir Ronald Orr Ewing, M.W. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Dr. James Allen, M.W. the Grand Master of Canada in the



Province of Ontario, and the Earl of Scarbrough, M.W. the Pro. Grand Master, tendered greetings to the newly installed Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodges Overseas and Brethren of the English Constitution Lodges respectively. The Earl of Donoughmore in the course of his address *inter alia* stated that the privilege of addressing the Grand Master on his installation, had also been accorded to his father on the occasion when the father of the present newly installed Grand Master, was installed in 1939. Likewise Sir Ronald, in the course of his address, also pointed out a similar coincidence as his father had also addressed the present Duke of Kent's father when he was installed at Olympia in July, 1939.

The Especial Meeting of the Grand Lodge held in London in June, 1967, was attended by an official deputation from the Pakistan District comprising Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H.M. Selzer, D.G.M. Pakistan, and Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan, Asst. D.G.M. Pakistan. One of the highlights of the visit of these two Brethren to London was their meeting with Brethren belonging to Lodges formerly attached with the Punjab District, but which had since transferred themselves to the U.K. Rt. Wor. Bro. H.M. Selzer and Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan were guests of Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, where they met old Brethren, were given a hearty welcome and later made Honorary Members of that Lodge.

In commemoration of the installation of the new Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, the new Grand Master conferred on Wor. Bro Dr. E. Duncan-Smith the Past Rank of Dy. G. Swd. Br. Pursuant to authority granted to him in this connection, the D.G.M. also conferred the undernoted Past Ranks on the following Brethren:

Wor. Bro. P.R. Pendleton.	P.D.G. Swd. Br.
Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. Ayres.	P.D.G. Swd. Br.
Wor. Bro. Maj-Gen. Scott.	P.D.G. Swd. Br.

To mark the 250th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, an appeal had been issued by M.W. the Grand Master for the raising of a fund of about £ 500,000 to found a Trust so that the proceeds could be placed at the disposal of the Royal College of Surgeons for scientific research. All Brethren in the District were requested to contribute voluntarily the equivalent of £ 1 sterling per member to the said Fund. The request was duly complied with and the Pakistan District contributed its full share to the Grand Lodge's 250th Anniversary Trust Fund.

In October, 1967, Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan, Asst. D.G.M., paid an official visit to Lodges "Roos-Keppel," "Stewart," "Wahab," "Chenab," and "Mooltan" and helped these Lodges solve many of their problems and difficulties. These visits were greatly appreciated.

In December, 1967, Lodge "Peace and Progress" No. 3323, Dacca, "Dacca" No. 3454, Dacca, "Star of Sylhet" No. 4444, Lungla, and "Star of Pakistan" No. 7381 Chittagong, petitioned M.W. the Grand Master, for their transfer from the District Grand Lodge of Bengal to the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan. A few facts leading up to this



action may be stated for general information. During Bro. Pearson's rulership of the District, a suggestion was made by the East Pakistani Lodges for their transfer to the Punjab District, but as only two Lodges were in favour, one against and one somewhat neutral and silent, the D.G.M. Punjab did not favour piecemeal transfer of the East Pakistan Lodges to his jurisdiction. The matter then rested till 1963, when the East Pakistan Brethren again expressed their wish to have their Lodges affiliate with the Punjab District, provided the name of the District could be changed to "The District Grand Lodge of Pakistan." This, however, remained somewhat unattended. As time progressed, difficulties of communication with West Bengal, reasons of political loyalty and other sentimental considerations prevailed with the East Pakistani Brethren to move for the transfer to their allegiance to the Punjab District. The change of the name of the Punjab District to "The District Grand Lodge of Pakistan" in June, 1967, helped matters and the four East Pakistani Lodges finally petitioned M.W. the Grand Master for change of jurisdiction in December, 1967.

The year 1966 ended with 1016 subscribing Brethren on the Roll of the District. The good effect of 51 initiations and 48 joinings was wiped out by 91 resignations, 22 exclusions and 10 deaths, which left the District poorer by 27 members, in comparison to the figure for the previous year. Referring to the progress of Masonry in the year 1966, the D.G.M. in the course of his annual address in March, 1967, stated that the Lodges, were facing peculiar problems of survival, some with regard to membership and attendance, some with regard to financial issues and some with regard to maintenance or repairs to their Lodge buildings. The D.G.M., however, hoped that with goodwill and keenness, all these problems and difficulties would be overcome. The annual stock-taking for the year 1967 showed 58 initiations, 30 joinings, 102 resignations, 43 exclusions and 10 deaths, thus leaving 937 subscribing members on the Roll of the District as at 31st December. Lodges "Wahab" at Sialkot and "Quetta" at Quetta were at their lowest ebb. A paucity of active Brethren, the recent military regulation and a waning of interest had reduced these two Lodges to a state of inaction. Steps were therefore initiated to transfer them to other stations where they could be more useful—"Quetta" No. 2333 to Kundian (where a number of Brethren engaged in a large engineering project were posted) and "Wahab" No. 988 to Karachi to serve as a Past Master's Lodge of Research.

The year 1967 also witnessed the deaths of two eminent Freemasons, namely Wor. Bro. W.A. Nedou, P.G.Std. Br., P.D.J.G.W., and Wor. Bro. A.K. Chaudhry, P.D.G. Std. Br., who passed away to the Grand Lodge above in November, leaving a great void in the District. Wor. Bro. W.A. Nedou was the oldest member of the District at the time of his demise and one who had rendered yeoman service to the Craft in general.

The early part of 1968 saw great activity in the attempt of the four East Pakistani Lodges to transfer their allegiance to the Pakistan District. Lodge "Star of Pakistan" No. 7381, Chittagong, also desired to have its new Temple and building dedicated by the District Grand Master of Pakistan early in February, 1968. Anticipating permission from M.W. the

#### EAST PAKISTAN LODGES JOIN THE DISTRICT



Grand Master permitting the transfer of jurisdiction, the D.G.M. desired to go to East Pakistan to visit the Lodges there, and to dedicate the building at Chittagong as it was not possible for the D.G.M. Bengal to go to East Pakistan for that purpose. However, the D.G.M. was not inclined to undertake that proposed visit till the East Pakistani Lodges came under his jurisdiction. In these circumstances the District Grand Secretary wrote to the Grand Secretary informing him of the proposed D.G.M.'s visit to East Pakistan in February, 1968, and requesting information regarding when M.W. the Grand Master would finalise the question of transfer. Since the Grand Secretary had not received the necessary papers from the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the Grand Secretary wrote to the D.G.M. Bengal to expedite the matter and also informed him that the D.G.M. Pakistan was intending to visit the four East Pakistani Lodges early in February and enquired whether he would have any objection to it. The D.G.M. Bengal immediately wrote back to the Grand Secretary to state that he was delighted with the proposal and was certainly most agreeable with the Pakistan D.G.M.'s proposed visit to East Pakistani Lodges. Accordingly the D.G.M. planned his visit for East Pakistan commencing 16th February, 1968. Luckily, before his departure for East Pakistan, M.W. the Grand Master permitted the transfer of the East Pakistani Lodges to the Pakistan District, effective 14th February, 1968. The D.G.M. visited East Pakistan and there attended a Meeting of Lodge "Dacca" No. 3454 at Dacca (at which were present Brethren of Lodge "Peace and Progress" No. 3323) on the 16th February, 1968, and Lodge "Star of Pakistan" No. 7381 at Chittagong on 19th February, 1968. The D.G.M., however, did not dedicate the new Masonic Temple at Chittagong, which ceremony was specially postponed to coincide with the D.G.M.'s proposed second trip to East Pakistan.

Before proceeding further, a few words about the four East Pakistani Lodges newly affiliated to the District will not be out of place.

THE PEACE & PROGRESS LODGE No. 3323, Dacca, was initially Consecrated at Shillong, Assam, on 9th September, 1908. The first Master was Wor. Bro. Jyotish Chandra Mitra, a Past Master of Lodge "Anchor & Hope" No. 234. There is some doubt about the date of the Warrant of this Lodge. The date, in somewhat faded ink, appears in the Warrant to read—7th July, 1908; whereas in the Minute Book it is recorded as 16th July, 1908. The latter seems to be the correct date. The founder members of this Lodge were J.C. Mitra, K.C. De, I.C.S., N.M. Das Gupta, Brig-Genl. E.H. Molesworth, C.B., Major D. Herbert, Lt.-Col. E.C. Hare, H. Corkery, F.E. Jackson, I.C.S., H. Shulldham Shaw, R.C. Chandra, S.B. Beed, Rustamji Framji, F.P. Dickson, Kumar Arun Chandra Sing, H.L. Basu, M. Bhattacharyya, N.N. Mukerjee, Captain J.C. Pearse and A.T. Coomar. This Lodge was transferred to Dacca in 1911. It held its last Meeting in Shillong on 30th December, 1910, and the first Meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Dacca, on 24th February 1911.

THE LODGE DACCA, No. 3454 (Warranted on 3rd June, 1910) was Consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall at Dacca on Saturday the 22nd October, 1910. Wor. Bro. I.G.J.



Hamilton was installed as the first Master. The Lodge was founded primarily through the efforts of Wor. Bro. W.S. Halsey and Wor. Bro. Frank Hurley who took a leading part in getting the Brethren together and arranged preliminary meetings with the object of starting that Lodge. The first informal Meeting of the Brethren in Dacca was held at Fulbaria Cottage, Dacca, the residence of Wor. Bro. F. Hurley on 21st December, 1909, at which preliminary matters were discussed. Nine Brethren in all attended that Meeting. A subsequent Meeting was held on 15th February, 1910, when the first Officers were elected and steps were taken to petition for the Warrant. Lodge "Zuriel" No. 2507 recommended the petition. The Warrant of the Lodge shows that the following were among the founder members, I.G.J. Hamilton, H.W. Rushton, W.S. Halsey, F.E. Hurley, J.C. Gardiner and C.M.H. Temple.

THE STAR OF SYLHET LODGE No. 4444, Langlo, Sylhet (Warranted on 29th May, 1922) was Consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Kalaura, Sylhet District on 12th January, 1923. Wor. Bro. T.E. Holmes a' Court was installed as the first Master. The founder members of this Lodge were T.E. Holmes a' Court, W.J. Reid, S.E. Watson, A. Brown, J.K. Culman and R. Mochmore, R.J. Hickman. The initial steps for the founding of the Lodge were taken way back in 1921, when 14 Master Masons met at Kalaura on 5th March to discuss the setting up of a Lodge. Letters were received from further five Master Masons who could not be present at that Meeting, pledging their support. It was decided at that Meeting to build a Temple at Kalaura and to secure the finances by issuing Bonds. Accordingly, land was taken on lease near Kalaura Railway Station and the Temple completed. Thus came into being in January, 1923, the first Lodge to cater to members who were mainly planters connected with the numerous tea estates in Sylhet District. Since its very inception, the biggest drawback faced by the Lodge was the question of attendance. Tea Estates were far flung and in the rainy season when the rivers were in flood, communication was difficult. Attendance at Lodge Meetings meant two days absence from the member's place of work. However, the Lodge continued through notwithstanding difficulties. After the second Great War, in 1949 it was decided to move the Temple to Langla Club, a Tea Estate Club in the centre of the Tea Districts. This move was necessitated by the Railway Authorities requiring the land on which the Kalaura Temple stood. On 14th October, 1948, the new Temple at Langla was Consecrated and the Lodge transferred to that place.

THE STAR OF PAKISTAN LODGE No. 7381, Chittagong, (Warranted on 2nd February, 1955) was Consecrated at Chittagong on 4th June, 1955. The Lodge was Consecrated by Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank Carlile Kidd, D.G.M. Bengal, assisted by five District Grand Lodge Officers. Sir Hamilton Macaulay, Kt., C.B.E., was installed as the first Master of the Lodge. The credit for founding this Lodge goes to Bro. Abdul Jalil, who in January, 1954, began to seek support locally for the formation of a Lodge. The first preliminary Meeting was held on 9th February, 1954, at which were present Sir Hamilton Macaulay, A. Jalil, M.M. Agha, H.W. Morgan, H.J. van Asdouk and H.J. Milne. Further Meetings were held on 23rd February, 1954, 3rd March, 1954, 7th September, 1954, and



1st January, 1955. The petition for the formation of the Lodge was recommended by Lodge "Dacca" No. 3454. The founder members donated Rs. 500 each to assist in the purchase of furniture etc. The founder members of this Lodge were Sir Hamilton Macaulay, Kt., C.B.E., W.C. Walters, M.B.E., Abdul Jalil, P.J. Middleton, E.K. Deighton, R.N. Johnson, Syed Riaz-ul-Hudda, A.V. Asdouk, C.M. Browne, A.R. Mitchell, D.A. Rostron, I.A. Brewster, D.N. Davidson, G.A. Newton, and O.G.H. Ormerod, O.B.E., Within a very short period this Lodge raised Rs. 1,00,000 for the Temple Building Fund and the new Temple is now ready for occupation. The Lodge originally met at the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce, Agrabad Road, and from 7th May, 1957, at Christ Church Hall, Jubilee Road.

We may now turn to District affairs once again. By the end of the first quarter, Lodge "Wahab" No. 988. Sialkot, was transferred to Karachi. This Lodge held its last Meeting at Sialkot on 4th March, 1968, at which a number of Karachi Brethren were proposed as joining members. Wor. Bro. Yar Muhammad Khan P.D.S.G.W., one of the old stalwarts of this Lodge and one who had nursed this Lodge through its difficult period after partition, was present and heard the resolution proposing the transfer of this Lodge to Karachi, with tears in his eyes. By Special Dispensation Lodge "Wahab" No. 988 met at Lahore on 30th March, 1968, when the Karachi Brethren who had been previously proposed were balloted clear as joining members. The first Meeting of this Lodge at Karachi took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Strachen Road, Karachi, on 22nd May, 1968. The amendment to the By-Laws of this Lodge permitting change of place of meeting was approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 27th May, 1968.

The Annual Meeting of the District—and the first Annual Meeting since the change of its name to the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan—was held at Lahore on 30th March, 1968. Present at that Meeting were representatives of the four East Pakistani Lodges which, only a month previously, had joined the Pakistan District. This was a matter of great rejoicing and the D.G.M. wished them a very happy welcome to the District. The D.G.M. alluded in his address to his recent visit to Dacca and Chittagong and stated that he had returned quite satisfied and felt that the District stood considerably enriched by the acquisition of the Masonic Fraternity of East Pakistan. The D.G.M. also alluded to the fact that the District was starting that day the hundredth year of its existence and that it would be celebrating the completion of its Centenary in March, 1969, in a special and suitable manner. The D.G.M. pointed out that a Committee would be formed by the Board of General Purposes to make the necessary arrangements and he hoped that all the Brethren would help in making the event a success.

The month of April witnessed great activity in Masonic circles in Karachi. On the 27th of that month Bro. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Sheikh was installed as Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (Scottish Constitution) in the vacancy arising out of the death of Bro. Cyrus Framji Minwalla at Karachi on 31st May, 1967. Bro. William S. Black, P.D.D.G.M., in an extremely well conducted ceremony installed Bro. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Sheikh. The Deputation



of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (E.C.) headed by its D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H.M. Selzer, also attended that ceremony.

On 1st June, 1968, Lodge "Quetta" No. 2333 held its Installation Meeting at Lahore, under special Dispensation, prior to its transfer to Kundian. As stated earlier, the Lodge had not shown healthy development in Quetta for some time and within the past few months was verging on collapse. Steps were taken by the Brethren in Kundian, who had been looking for an opportunity to start a Lodge there, to resuscitate "Quetta." Some last minute efforts by Wor. Bro. K. Marker to prevent the transfer proved unsuccessful. The D.G.M. considered that notwithstanding a few loyal and industrious Brethren such as Wor. Bro. K. Marker, there was insufficient support for the Lodge in Quetta and rather than see it collapse there, he approved of the transfer. The Installation Meeting at Lahore was attended by the D.G.M. and other District Grand Lodge Officers. There were only two Quetta Brethren to attend the Installation Meeting, including its reigning Master, who handed over charge to Bro. William Nicol Dunn, who was Installed that day.

By the first quarter of 1968 a series of violent attacks in newspapers in Pakistan against Freemasonry reached their pitch. Beginning from the middle of June, 1967, these articles levelled allegations against Freemasonry on the ground that it was part of a Zionist organization engaged in pro-Jewish activities and working against the interests of the State. The District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (English Constitution) with its headquarters at Lahore and the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (Scottish Constitution) with its headquarters at Karachi, maintained complete silence throughout, whilst the Press continued their denunciation, in the hope that the untruthful attacks against their Order would gradually subside. It was, however, not until a statement was made by Makhdumzada Syed Hamad Raza Jillani, M.N.A., Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs, on the floor of the National Assembly on 30th May, 1968, to the effect that the Government did not propose to ban Freemasonry in Pakistan, that the attacks were relaxed. Rana Ghulam Sabir Khan, M.N.A., had asked a question in the National Assembly whether the Government had under consideration any proposal to close down or place a ban on the activities of all Jewish organizations working in the country under the name of Freemasons. The Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs, replying to the said question, stated that the Pakistan Constitution guaranteed religious freedom as a fundamental right and no action could be taken against any individual or organization on the basis of religion alone. The Parliamentary Secretary also stated that Masonic organizations were not Jewish but comprised of members belonging to all religions including Islam; that their aims were philanthropic and their oath of membership required them to be loyal to the Government of the country, to abide by its laws and not to take part in politics; and that Freemasons had no political activity and had not come to the adverse notice of the Government. In reply to a further question whether the American C.I.A. was financing the activities of the Freemasons and distributing money through this organization in several countries of the world, the learned Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs stated that



the Pakistan Government had no information about it. This was the first welcome news in the press in favour of Freemasonry, and the first ever to come from Government Quarters. This happily coincided with a Meeting a few days later of Lodge "Temperance and Benevolence" (S.C.) in Karachi, where at the dinner, at which ladies and non-Masonic guests were invited, the aims and objects of the fraternity were explained and the unfounded allegations and apprehensions against the Order fully repudiated and cleared by eminent speakers including Wor. Bro. Ali Abdul Rahman, Ex-Vice-Chancellor of the Sind University. Again the press carried a favourable news item, this being the first formal repudiation by a section of the Masonic fraternity itself against the unwarranted attacks levelled against their Order.

In the middle of 1968 Lodge "Union" No. 767, Karachi, held its Centenary Festival. This Lodge had been constituted in 1859. Having fallen into abeyance in its early days of growth, it was not granted its Centenary Warrant in 1859. Both the Installation Meeting and Centenary Festival of Lodge "Union" No. 767 was held at Karachi on 28th June, 1968. At that Meeting Wor. Bro. B.R. Turner was installed as the Master for the ensuing year and the Centenary Warrant was thereafter formally presented to him. This Lodge was the seventh Lodge in the District to receive the Centenary Warrant. [With three Centenary Lodges no longer being in the District, namely, "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Charity" and "Khyber," there are today only four Centenary Lodges in the District, i.e. "Hope and Perseverance," "Wahab or Benevolent," "Industry" and "Union."]

Whilst this book goes to the press, certain future events which stand marked on the calendar for the years 1968 and 1969 deserve mention.

Firstly, Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon'ble The Earl of Cadogan, M.C., D.L., and Rt. Wor. Bro. J.W. Stubbs, the Grand Secretary, with their wives, are planning a visit to Pakistan and hope to be in Dacca on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, in Lahore on 24th, 25th and 26th, in Peshawar on 26th and 27th, in Rawalpindi on 27th, 28th and 29th and finally in Karachi on 29th, 30th and 31st. The programme at Lahore will include a Convocation of Chapter "Punjab" No. 782 (with ceremony of Exaltation) followed by a contributory Banquet on the 24th October and Meetings of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 (with ceremony of 3rd Degree) and the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan followed by a Ladies' Night (Banquet for Masons and their wives) on the 25th October, 1968. Sight-seeing, etc., has also been arranged.

Secondly, the Consecration of the new Temple at Chittagong, built by the Brethren of Lodge "Star of Pakistan" No. 7381, is fixed for 10th January, 1969.

And lastly, the winter Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Chittagong is tentatively fixed for the 11th January, 1969.

This completes the brief account of the progress of Masonry in the undivided Punjab and the territories now constituting Pakistan from 1836 to 1968, and particularly of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan from its inception (as the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab) in 1869 until the Centenary Celebrations in 1969.



## REFLECTIONS

Whilst reviewing the history, what stands out prominently is the large array of Brethren from the Army that have played a leading part in the affairs of the District and contributed liberally to its charities. Thanks to the fostering care of those excellent and zealous Masons, the birth and development of almost all the early Lodges is entirely due to their efforts. A majority of the Lodges that came later, also received their support and protection. In fact, right upto the 1920s, the District was referred to as a "Military District." This was not because of the fact that the Brethren in the Army constituted the major percentage of the population in the District, but because they constituted by far the more active and progressive constituent of the membership.

The part played by the different communities in the District also deserves some mention. It is difficult to give the break-down of the membership of the District community-wise from year to year, but two old Year Books of the Punjab District for the years 1904 and 1909 do give some indication. The Punjab Masonic Year Book for the year 1904 shows that there were 22 Lodges with 854 Christians, 158 Hindus, 30 Muhammadans and 23 Parsis. The Punjab Masonic Year Book for the year 1909 shows that there were 25 Lodges with 1270 Christians, 195 Hindus, 43 Muhammadans and 35 Parsis. Unfortunately, the break-down of such figures for other years is not available, but there are indications which show that the percentage of Hindu and Muslim Brethren continued to rise during the period 1939 to 1947 and, positive proof, that after the partition of India in 1947, the percentage of Muslims has been and is in a preponderant majority amongst the active and resident members in the District.

The progress made by the various Lodges from time to time, as given heretofore in the history, show that the Masons of the District were never wanting in energy, zeal and liberality. What stands out prominently is the constantly fluctuating nature of the Masonic population, specially the migratory civil servants, members of the armed forces and business executives. Sometimes, almost 90% of the Brethren of a Lodge found themselves transferred out of the station. It was surprising that more Lodges did not totally collapse. To the old veterans, who were permanent residents in the station, and who throughout looked after and nursed the Lodges, the real credit must go. These were the Brethren who constituted the main prop on which the Lodges depended and to whom they looked for survival.

The policy of the District since its very foundation has been to discourage the formation of weak and struggling Lodges and to look to the quality rather than the number of Lodges. District Grand Masters have therefore never hesitated to call in the



Warrants of those Lodges which have not shown healthy progress. At times when a station has had more Lodges than it could support, steps have been taken to amalgamate them, to prevent bifurcation of interest and zeal amongst its members.

In the same vein, the policy of the District with regard to the quality of the Brethren seeking admission to Lodges has always been strict. What has always been demanded is "true and upright men," with high morals and good background. District Grand Masters have never faltered in admonishing Lodges for being slack or careless in their duties, in this respect.

Over the years, the District has faced numerous difficulties. Sudden lack of interest amongst members, migration, transfer and exclusion of a large number of Brethren, lack of finances, etc. All these have been overcome from time to time with care, patience and dignity. Even during the worse period of political and economic stresses in the country, the District has propagated the message of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and encouraged its Brethren to partake in philanthropic activities.

At this stage, when the District is about to complete ten decades of its existence, it is proper and worthy of every Brother Mason to pay a tribute to and acknowledge the contributions made by the Past District Grand Masters, whose untiring labours have contributed to make the District what it is today. The high status and prestige which the District of Pakistan occupies in the world of Masonry is primarily the result of their efforts. If they had not set strict standards and passed down high traditions, the Masonic fraternity in Pakistan would not have cause to be proud of its heritage as it is today.

Side by side, it is also proper to pay a tribute to all Masons, of whatever status or standing, who were actively connected with the affairs of the District in the past and who also contributed in no small measure to the prosperity and progress of the District.

When one thinks of the past, the nostalgia of sweet memories crowds the canvas of the mind. For it is in the District Grand Lodge that the cream of the civil service, the armed forces and the civilian fraternity have "met on the level," as common partners in a rich heritage, and shared in the joys of universal fellowship, worked for the propagation of the Brotherhood of Man and for the alleviation of suffering and distress amongst their less fortunate. It is in the District Grand Lodge that the very highly placed Brethren have stood arrayed with Brethren of lesser status and social standing, all working in harmony and unity for the common goal of the Fraternity. It is to the District Grand Lodge that the cream of the membership from Craft Lodges has converged over the years; first to be groomed and then to guide the destiny of the rank and file of Brethren in the District. A host of very outstanding Brethren, including Governors, Commanders-in-Chief, Secretaries to Government, Judges of the High Court, outstanding members from the different professions, etc., have left the impress of their personality on the District Grand Lodge and whose work in the District will be continuously felt. It is difficult to single out individual names from a long and almost unending string of priceless gems. Many great names are totally lost in the limbo of oblivion; some, faintly, evoke remembrance. To them all, every Freemason in Pakistan pays his tribute of respect and gratitude.

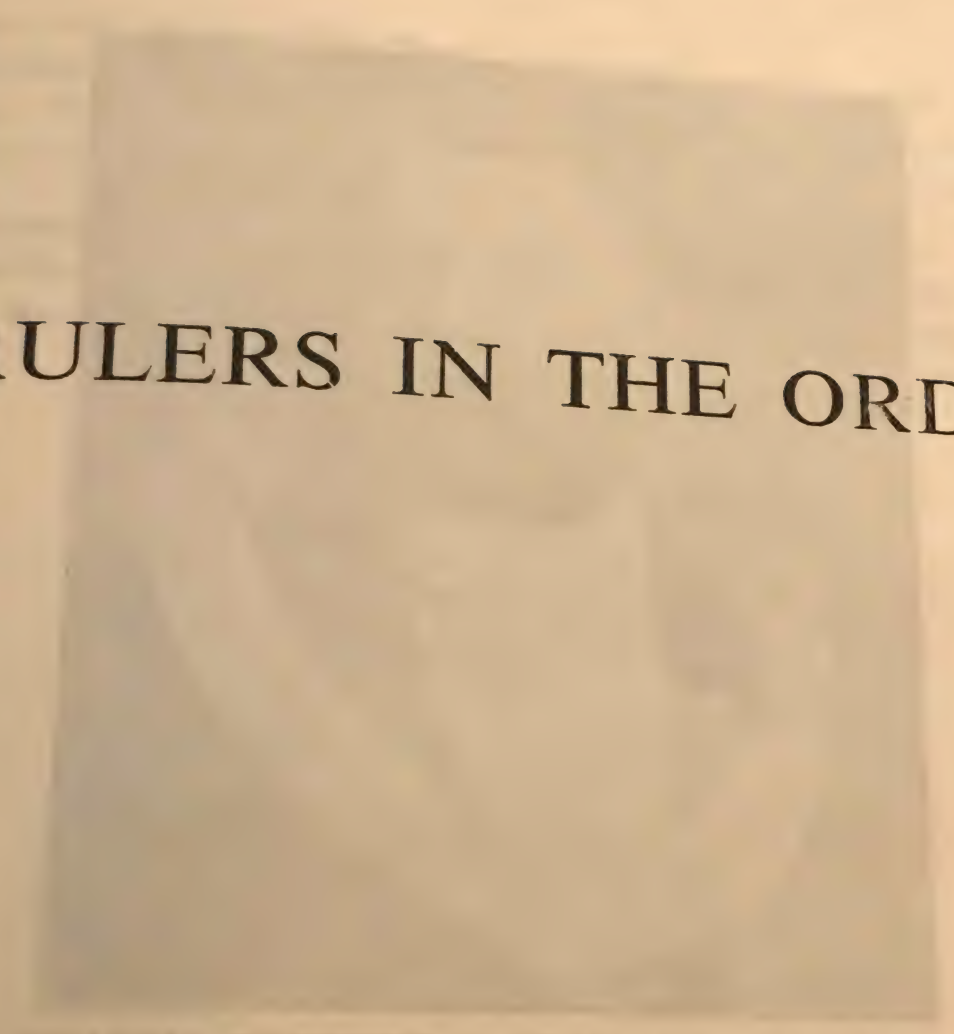


The Centenary Celebrations which are scheduled to be held in March, 1969, do not mark the close of a chapter, but rather the opening of a new one. The celebration of the Centenary should be a reminder to every Mason of the great success of the District in its first 100 years and a challenge to every Brother to give his unstinting support and devotion to enable the District to continue its progress in the future.

The Centenary Celebrations, it is hoped, will provide an appropriate opportunity for all Masons in Pakistan to rededicate themselves to the cause of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the basic principles on which the Order stands, to re-affirm their allegiance to the State of Pakistan and work actively for the progress and welfare of the State and for the alleviation of suffering among their fellow countrymen. It is hoped that all Masons shall seize this opportunity and put into practice these noble virtues, both in letter and in spirit. It is only by selfless and dedicated service, both within the Lodge and outside it, as citizens, that Brethren can justify their claims as true Masons. It is finally hoped that the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan shall ever remain in the hands of worthy Brethren.



# RULERS IN THE ORDER



THE ORDER OF THE RULERS





LIEUT.-COL. CHARLES McWHIRTER MERCER



**COLONEL CHARLES McWHIRTER MERCER**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1869-1874.**

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Born 12th March, 1828; Second Lieutenant 12th June, 1846; arrived in Calcutta 14th December, 1846; Lieutenant 3rd March, 1853; Captain 27th August, 1858; Major 12th June, 1866; Lieut-Colonel 21 September, 1872; Colonel 21st September, 1877; and Major-General and retired 31st December, 1878.

Initiated in Lodge "Charity" No. 563, Ambala, 13th February, 1855; joined Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1862; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, Lahore, 1865; District Grand Master, Punjab, 12th March, 1869 to 1874.





LIEUT.-COL. MARMADUKE RAMSAY



**LIEUT-COLONEL MARMADUKE RAMSAY**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1875-1881.**

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Born 10th March, 1837; Commissioned as Second Lieutenant 20th March, 1855; arrived in India 1st May, 1855; posted 48th N.I. Regiment, Allahabad, 1855; posted to 23rd N.I. Regiment, Moradabad, July 1855; posted to 36th N.I. Regiment, Agra, January, 1857; Lieutenant 31st May, 1857; Joined Loyal Poorbeah Regiment (17th N.I.) as Adjutant, July, 1858; Assistant Commissioner in Punjab, January, 1860; District Superintendent of Police, Punjab, January, 1861; posted to Bengal Staff Corps 22nd October 1861; Captain, 20th March, 1867; Officiating Cantonment Magistrate in the Punjab 11th March, 1868; furlough ex-India 1869-1871; District Superintendent of Police, Punjab, 2nd January, 1872; Officiating Cantonment Magistrate, Mian Mir, Lahore, 25th October, 1872; Cantonment Magistrate, Peshawar, 22nd December, 1874; Cantonment Magistrate, Mian Mir, Lahore, 21st January, 1875; Major 20th March, 1875; furlough ex-India February, 1876, to February, 1877; Assistant Commissioner, Kasauli, 3rd April, 1879; Cantonment Magistrate, Mian Mir, Lahore, 1st November, 1879; Cantonment Magistrate, Ambala, 20th January, 1880; Lieutenant-Colonel 20th March, 1881; furlough ex-India 18th July, 1881; retired from service 22nd October, 1882; Died 23rd January, 1893.

Initiated in Lodge "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988; joined Lodge "Jullundur" No. 623, 14th January, 1864; exalted in Chapter "Punjab" No. 782, Lahore, 23rd October, 1865; Wor. Master Lodge "Jullundur" No. 623, 1866; District Junior Grand Warden, Punjab, 12th April, 1872; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 13th January, 1873 to February, 1875; 1st Principal, Chapter "Punjab" No. 782, Lahore, 1874; District Grand Master, Punjab, 26th February, 1875 to 1881; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 3rd June, 1875; District Grand Master, Malta, 9th January, 1884; Grand Superintendent, Malta, 21st May, 1888.





COL. ANTHONY STEWART



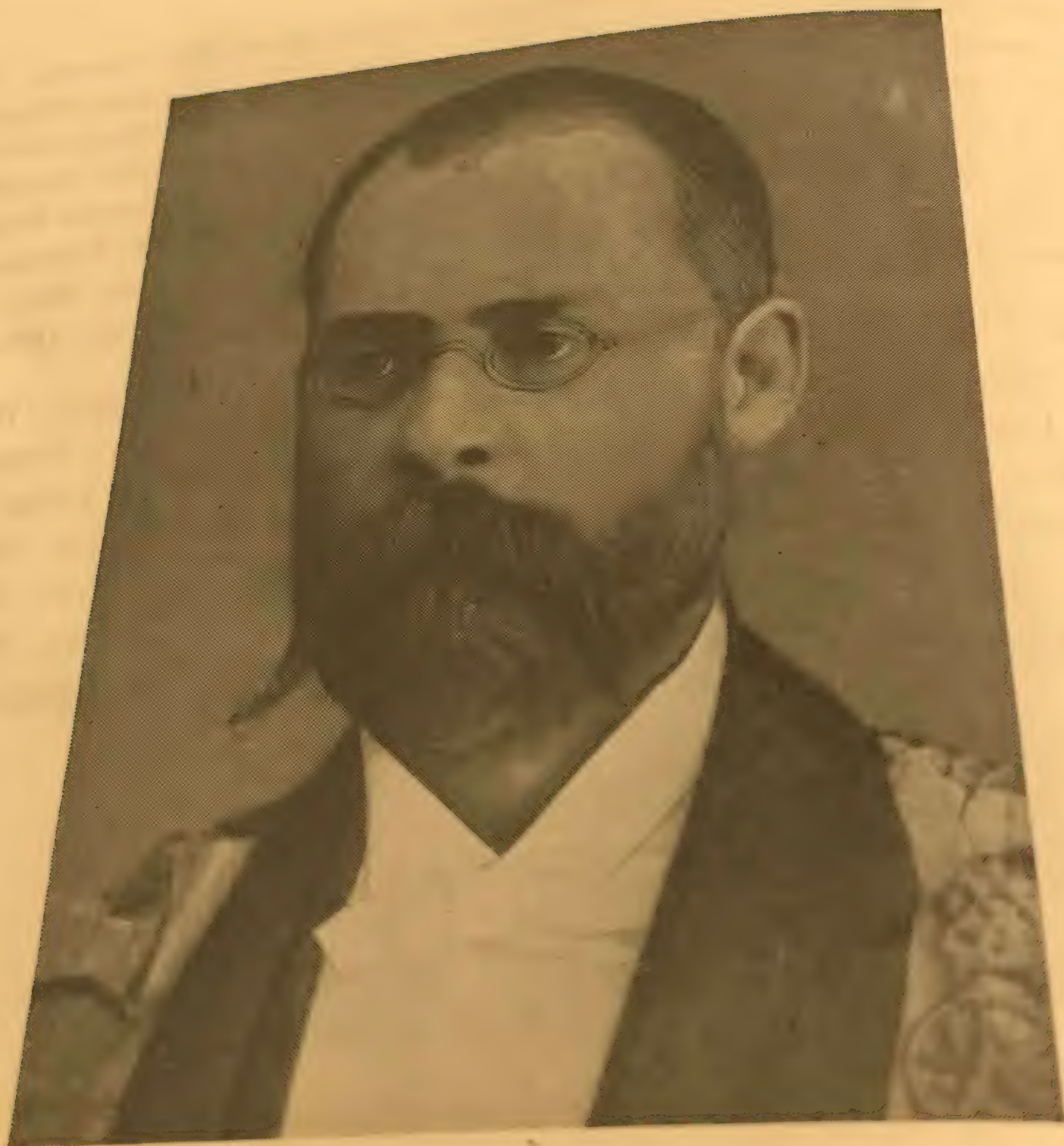
**COLONEL ANTHONY STEWART**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1882-1886.**

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Born 20th September, 1834; Commissioned in the Army 4th February, 1855; arrived in India 29th March, 1855; Lieutenant 24th November 1856; Cantonment Magistrate, Mian Mir, Lahore, 1st February, 1858 to 6th March, 1872; appointed to Bengal Staff Corps 18th February, 1861; Captain 29th March, 1865; Cantonment Magistrate, Ambala, 6th March, 1872 to 18th January, 1877; Major 4th February, 1875; Cantonment Magistrate, Rawalpindi 19th January, 1877, to September, 1885; Lieut-Colonel, 4th February, 1881; Colonel 29th March, 1882; Cantonment Magistrate, Jullundur, September, 1885; furlough on medical grounds 17th April, 1886; and died in London 13th December, 1886.

Initiated in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, May, 1862; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1865 and 1867; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 12th March, 1869 to January 1871; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1874; Wor. Master Lodge "Charity" No. 563, Ambala, 1875; joined Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413, Rawalpindi and became its Wor. Master 1878; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 1881; District Grand Master, Punjab, 24th February, 1882 to December, 1886; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1882 to December, 1886.





EDWIN WOODALL PARKER

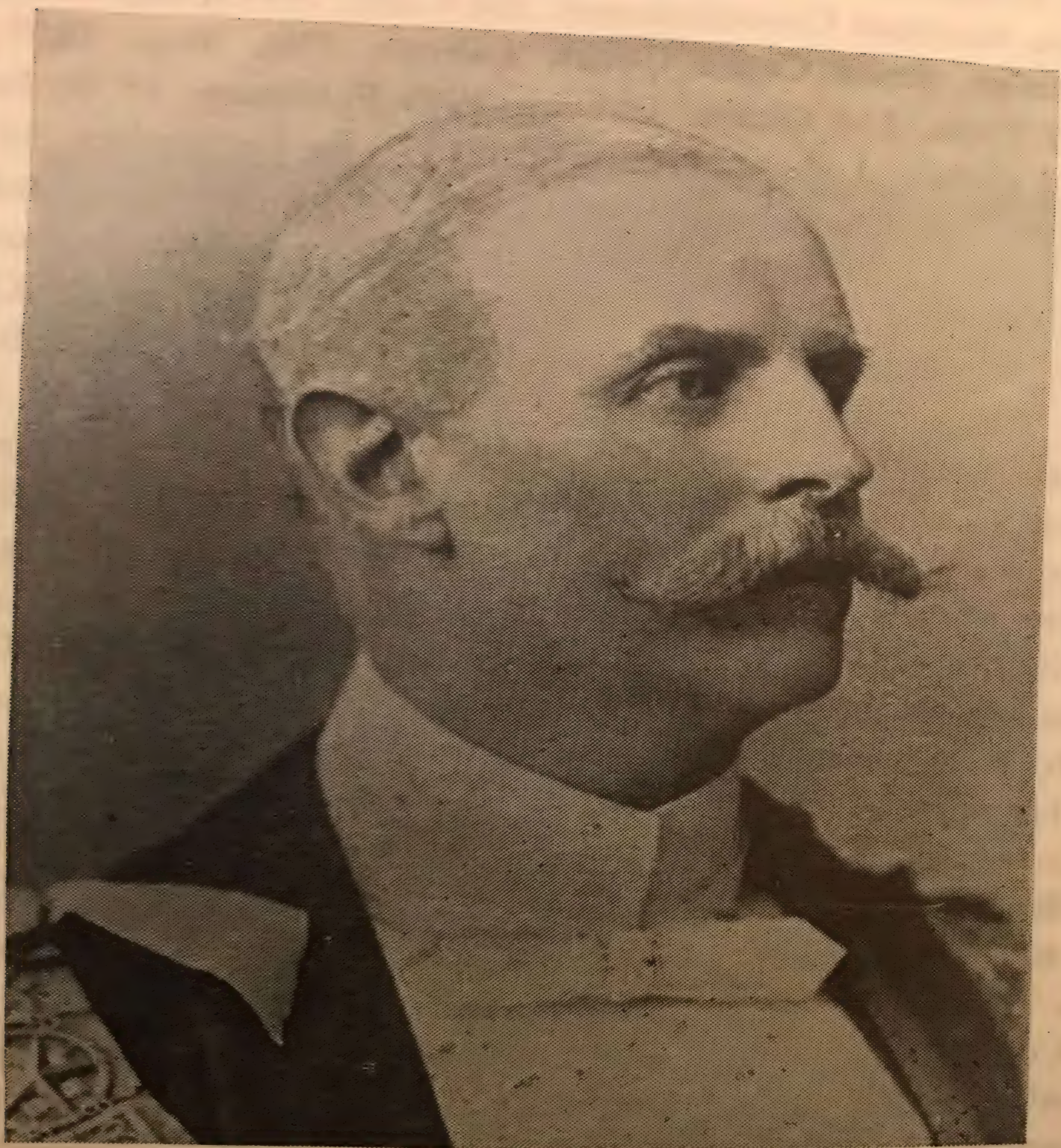


**EDWIN WOODALL PARKER**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1887-1892.**

Born 14th April, 1846; Officiating Extra Assistant Commissioner, Ambala, Karnal and Hoshiarpur, October, 1863, to October, 1865; Extra Assistant Commissioner, 3rd Class, 2nd Grade, Hoshiarpur, Ferozepur, Ludhiana, Simla and Lahore, October, 1865 to April, 1869; Extra Assistant Commissioner, 3rd Class, 1st Grade, Ferozepur, 19th April, 1869; Officiating Judge, Small Cause Court, Lahore, 13th May, 1869; Extra Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Class, 2nd Grade, Lahore, 19th February, 1870; Judge, Small Cause Court, 4th and 3rd Grade, Lahore, December, 1871 to September, 1876; Judge, Small Cause Court, 3rd and 2nd Grade, and Officiating Judicial Assistant, 3rd and 2nd Grade, Delhi, September, 1876 to December, 1881; Judge, Small Cause Court, 1st Grade but Officiating Judicial Assistant, 3rd Grade, Lahore, 13th December, 1881; Officiating District Judge, 2nd Grade, Lahore, November, 1884 to November, 1885; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Jhelum, 16th November, 1885; Officiating District Judge, 2nd Grade and Officiating Inspector-General of Registration, Superintendent of Stamps, and Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Punjab, Lahore, January, 1886 to May, 1886; Extra Judicial Assistant Commissioner, 1st Grade, Dalhousie, 1st May, 1886; Officiating Inspector-General of Registration, Superintendent of Stamps, and Registrar Joint Stock Companies, Punjab, Lahore, 10th April, 1887; Extra Judicial Assistant Commissioner, 1st Grade, Simla, 18th May, 1887; Officiating Inspector-General of Registration, Superintendent of Stamps and Registrar, Joint Stock Companies, Punjab, Lahore, 22nd July, 1888; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 1st October, 1888; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Lahore and Jullundur, May to November, 1891; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 15th November, 1891; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Rawalpindi and Sialkot, July to December, 1893; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 11th December, 1893; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Jhelum and Rawalpindi, March, 1894, to January, 1896; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 19th January, 1896; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Rawalpindi, March to December, 1896; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 20th December, 1896; Temporary Duty in the Office of the Government Advocate, Punjab, Lahore, 19th January, 1897; Registrar, Chief Court, Punjab, Lahore, 17th August, 1897; Officiating Legal Remembrancer, Punjab, Lahore, 2nd October, 1897; Legal Remembrancer, Punjab, Lahore, 4th February, 1898.

Initiated in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 4th May, 1874; joined Lodges "Jumna" No. 1394, Delhi, and "Industry" No. 1485, Lahore; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1882; District Grand Registrar, Punjab, 14th January, 1882 to January, 1885; District Senior Grand Warden, Punjab, 9th January, 1886; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, March, 1886 to September, 1887; District Grand Master, Punjab, 10th September, 1887 to March 1892; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1887 to 1892; Wor. Master, Lodge "Albert Victor" No. 2370, Lahore, 1894 and 1895.





LIEUT.-COL. CHARLES FRANCIS MASSY



**LIEUT-COLONEL CHARLES FRANCIS MASSY**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1893-1895.**

Born 10th June, 1846; joined Military 26th May, 1865; arrived in India 24th February, 1868; services placed at the disposal of Punjab Government, 1st August, 1870; Assistant Commissioner 3rd Grade, Kohat, Rawalpindi and Delhi, August, 1870 to February 1874; on Special Duty 23rd February, 1874; Assistant Commissioner 3rd Grade, Attock, 14th May, 1874; on Special Duty 1st October, 1874; Assistant Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Attock, 8th April, 1875; Officiating Deputy Commissioner 3rd Grade, and Officiating Judicial Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Grade, Rawalpindi, September, 1875, to August, 1876; on deputation to Kashmir 26th August, 1876; Officiating Deputy Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Rawalpindi, 4th November, 1876; Assistant Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Attock and Murree, December, 1876 to August, 1877; Captain 26th May, 1877; Officiating Judicial Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Grade, Rawalpindi, 3rd August, 1877; Assistant and Officiating Deputy Commissioner 3rd Grade, Rawalpindi, Attock and Hazara, September, 1877 to April, 1878; Judicial Assistant Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Simla, 29th April, 1878; Political Officer with the Punjab Native Chief Contingent, 22nd November, 1878; Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Grade, and Officiating Deputy Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Rawalpindi, Ambala and Simla, December, 1878 to April, 1880; Officiating Judicial Assistant, 1st Grade, and Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Grade, Simla, April, 1880 to November, 1880; Special Duty with Viceregal Darbar, etc., November, 1880 to December, 1882; Officiating Judicial Assistant 1st and 2nd Grade and Officiating Deputy Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Jullundur, Dera Ghazi Khan and Hissar, December, 1882 to November, 1883; Special Duty in Punjab, 10th November, 1883; Officiating Judicial Assistant, 2nd Grade, and Officiating Deputy Commissioner, 3rd Grade, Jullundur and Amritsar, December, 1883 to November, 1884; Assistant Commissioner, 1st Grade, Jullundur, 1st November, 1884; Special Duty at Rawalpindi, 18th March, 1885; Officiating Divisional Judge, 3rd Grade, Jullundur, 14th April, 1885; Major, 26th May, 1885; Assistant Commissioner, 1st Grade, 12th May, 1886; Superintendent, Kapurthala State, 21st August, 1886; Deputy Commissioner, 2nd Grade, 2nd December, 1890; Lieut-Colonel 26th May, 1891, Deputy Commissioner, 2nd Grade, Amritsar, 15th October, 1892; Special Duty with Maharaja of Kapurthala, 8th March, 1893; Deputy Commissioner, 1st Grade, Gujranwala and Delhi, November, 1893 to July, 1894; Officiating Commissioner and Superintendent, Jullundur, 19th July, 1894; Deputy Commissioner, 1st Grade, Ambala, 5th December, 1894; Officiating and later confirmed Commissioner and Superintendent, Jullundur, December, 1894 to April 1897; Commissioner and Superintendent, Jullundur, 12th October, 1897; Subsidiary leave and furlough ex-India 21st April, 1898.

Wor. Master, Lodge "Devon" No. 1999, Jullundur, 1888; District Grand Registrar, Punjab, 14th January, 1889; District Senior Grand Warden, Punjab, 15th January, 1890; District Grand Master, Punjab, 11th February, 1893 to 1895; Wor. Master Lodge "Albert Victor" No. 2370, Lahore, 1898.





LIEUT.-GEN. SIR GEORGE BENJAMIN WOLSELEY



**LIEUT-GENERAL SIR GEORGE BENJAMIN WOLSELEY, G.C.B., A.D.C.**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1896-1898.**

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Born 11th July, 1839; Ensign, Cheshire Regiment 1857; Lieutenant, York and Lancaster Regiment, 1858; Captain (by purchase) North Staffordshire Regiment, 1868; Major, York and Lancaster Regiment, 1878; Lieut-Colonel, 1879; Colonel and A.D.C. to Queen Victoria for Egyptian War, 1882; Major-General by selection, 1892; Commanded the Forces in the Punjab with rank of Lieut-General 1897-1898; Commanded Madras Forces 1898-1903; Retired 1906.

Wor. Master Lodge "Rock of Gwalior" No. 1066, Jhansi, 1874; Wor. Master Lodge "True Brothers" No. 1210, Dinapore, 1878; Wor. Master Lodge "Rohilla Star" No. 1843, Bareilly, 1882; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 1883; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1884 and 1886; Past Grand Deacon (England) 1887; Past Grand Sojourner, (England) 1887; Wor. Master Lodge "Rock of Gwalior" No. 1066, Jhansi, 1888; District Grand Master, Punjab, 11th March, 1896 to 1898; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1896 to 1898; Wor. Master Lodge "St. John the Evangelist," No. 1483, Lahore, 1897.





GEN. SIR ARTHUR POWER-PALMER



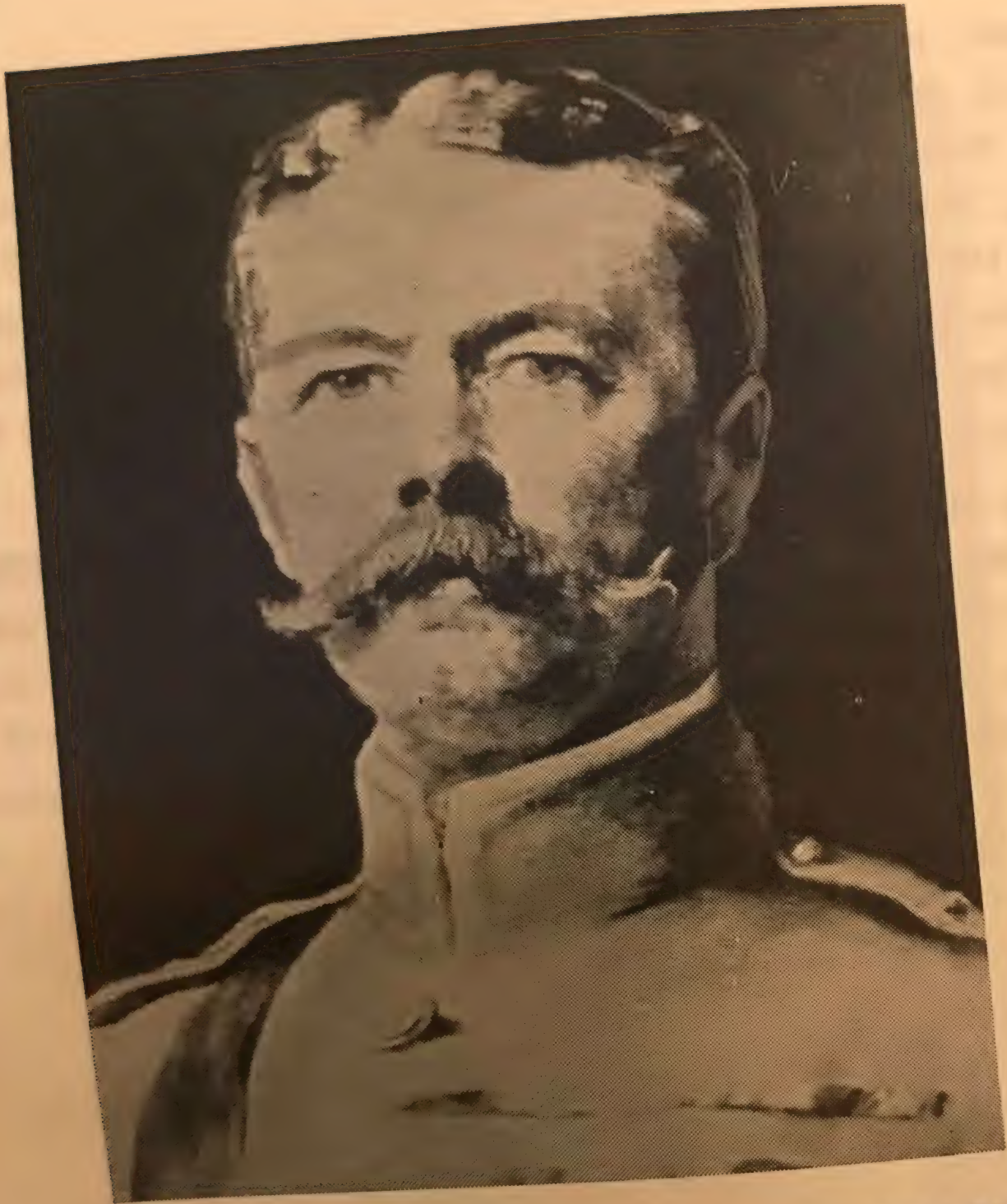
**GENERAL SIR ARTHUR POWER PALMER, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1899-1902.**

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Born 1840; joined Army as 2nd Lieutenant, 1857; served with Hodson's Horse, 1857; Lieutenant, 30th April, 1858; served in North West Frontier, 1863; served in Abyssinian War, 1867-1868; Captain, 20th February, 1869; served in Acheen 1876-77; Major, 20th February, 1877; served in Afghan War, 1878-1879; Lieut-Colonel 20th February, 1883; Colonel, 22nd November, 1883; served in Soudan War, 1885; Commanded Chin Hills Expedition, 1892-1893; Major-General 10th June, 1893; served in Tirah Campaign, 1897-1898; General, 1899; Commander-in-Chief in India, 1900-1902; Died 28th February, 1904.

Initiated in "Lodge of Stability" No. 1137, Gonda, 3rd August, 1860; joined Lodge "Charity," No. 563, Ambala, 3rd February, 1862; Founder Member and First Junior Warden, Lodge "Mayo" No. 1413, Rawalpindi, 1872; Wor. Master, Lodge "Charity" No. 563, Ambala, 1874; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 11th March, 1898; District Grand Master, Punjab, 29th June, 1899 to 1902; Grand Superintendent, Punjab 1899 to 1902.





FIELD MARSHAL EARL KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM



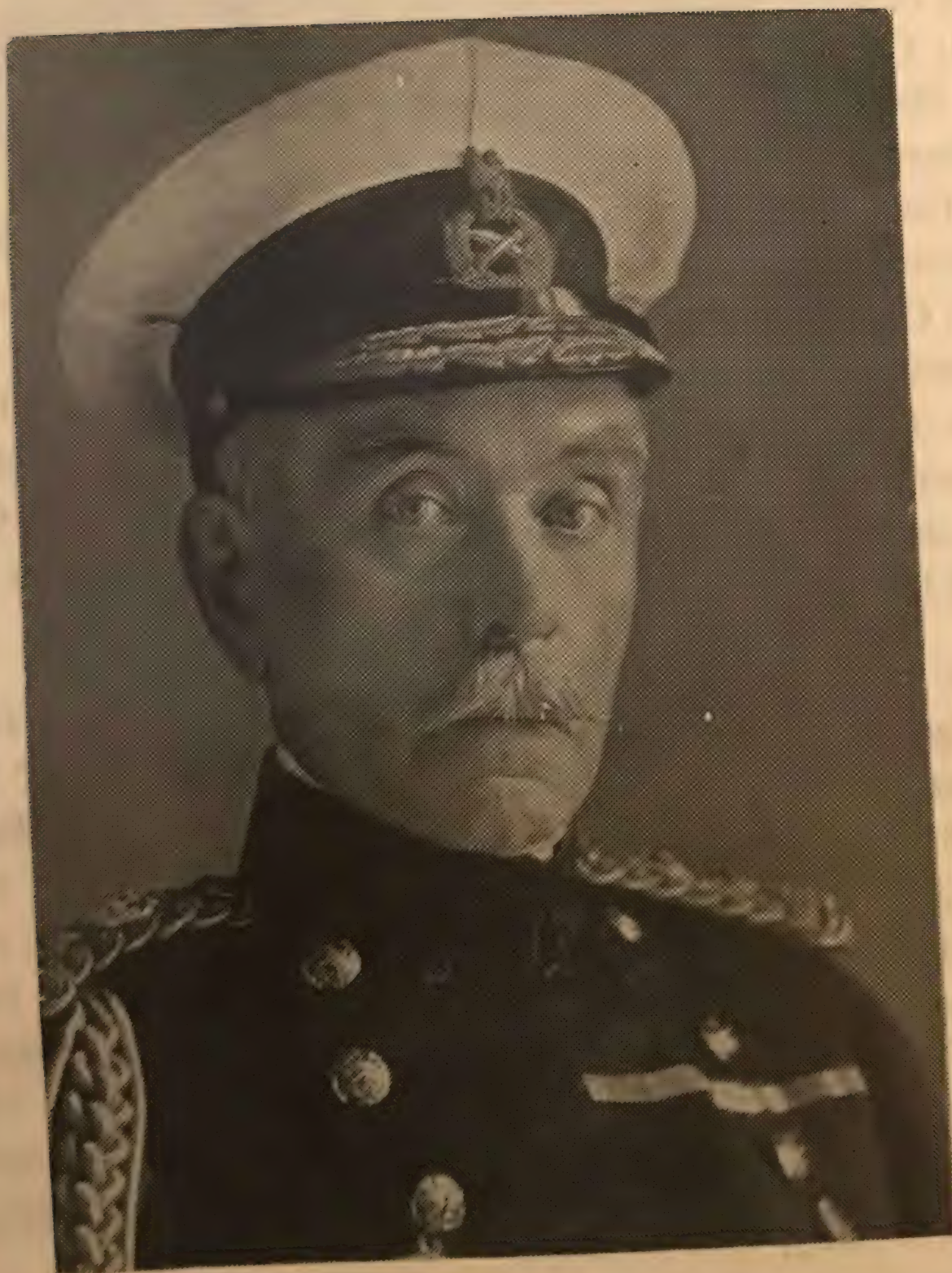
**FIELD MARSHAL HORATIO HERBERT, 1st EARL KITCHENER  
OF KHARTOUM, K.G., P.C., K.P., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.S.I.,  
G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1903-1909.**

Born 24th June, 1850; entered Royal Engineers, 1871; Lieutenant, 1871; Palestine Survey, 1874-78; Cyprus Survey, 1878-82; Commanded Egyptian Cavalry, 1882-84; Captain, 1883; Major, 1884; Nile Expedition (brevet Lieut-Colonel), 1884-85; Lieut-Colonel, 1885; Governor of Suakim, 1886-1888; Colonel, 1888; Soudan Frontier, including engagement at Toski, 1889; Adjutant-General Egyptian Army, 1888-92; Commanded Dongola Expeditionary Force, 1896; Major-General 1896; Commanded Khartoum Expedition, 1898; Chief of Staff of Forces in South Africa, 1899-1900; Lieutenant-General, 1899; Commander-in-Chief in Egypt and Soudan, 1900-1902; General, 1902; Commander-in-Chief in India, 1902-09; Col. Commandant Corps R.E., 1906; Field Marshal, 1909; Member of Committee of Imperial Defence, 1910; H.M.'s Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, 1911-14; Lord Rector of Edinburgh University, 1914; Secretary of State for War, 1914-16; Died 5th June, 1916.

Initiated in "La Concordia Lodge" No. 1226, Cairo, 1883; Founder Member "Drury Lane Lodge" No. 2127, 1885; Wor. Master, "Grecia Lodge" No. 1105, Cairo, 1892; Founder Member "Fatich Lodge" (Nat. G.L. of Egypt) 1895; Past Senior Grand Warden, Egypt, 1895; Hon. Wor. Master, "El Lataif Lodge," (Nat. Grand Lodge of Egypt), 1896; M.E.Z. "Star of the East" Chapter, No. 1355, Cairo, 1896; Past Third Grand Principal, Egypt, 1896; Past Junior Grand Warden, (England), 1897; Past Grand Scribe (Scottish Const.), 1898; District Grand Master of Egypt and Soudan, 1899-1901; joined "Khartoum Lodge" No. 2877, 1902; Joined Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, Simla, 1903; Founder Member Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998, Simla, 1903; District Grand Master, Punjab, 7th January, 1903 to 1909.





GEN. SIR O'MOORE CREAGH



**GENERAL SIR O'MOORE CREAGH, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1909-1913.**

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Born 2nd April, 1848; Ensign, 95th Foot, 1866; Indian Army, 1870; joined Bombay Staff Corps and promoted Lieutenant, June, 1870; Captain, 1878; Served Afghan War, 1879-80; Major, 1879; Commanded Mirwara Battalion, 1882-1886; Zhob Valley Expedition, 1890; Adjutant-General of Division, 1895; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bombay Command, 1896; Political Resident and General Officer Commanding, Aden, 1898-1900; China Expedition, 1900; General Officer Commanding a Brigade, China 1900; General Commanding the China Field Force, 1900-1903; appointed Colonel of the 129th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Baluchis, 1903; Commanded a Division in India, 1903-06; Secretary of Military Department of India Office, 1907-09; Commander-in-Chief in India, 1909-14; Commanded 2nd Baluchis, Colonel, 129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis, 1912; retired from Army, May, 1914; died 9th August, 1923.

Initiated in "St. Brendan's Lodge" No. 163, (Irish Const.), 1874; Joined "Star of Rajputana Lodge" No. 2093, 1st April, 1885; District Grand Master, Punjab, 21st October, 1909-13; Founder Member "Star of India" Lodge No. 3444, 1910.





SIR HENRY PARSALL BURT



**THE HON. SIR HENRY PARSALL BURT, K.C.I.E., C.B.E., V.D.,  
A.M.I.C.E.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1914-1915.**

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Born 15th April, 1857; entered service Government of India, 1878; Deputy Manager, North Western Railway, Lahore, 1895; Manager, O and R Railway, 1902; East Bengal State Railway, 1905; Officiated as Under-Secretary to Government of India, 1905; Manager, N.W. India Railway, 1907; President of the Railway Board of India and Member of Legislative Council of Governor-General and Viceroy, 1914; Government Director of India Railways, India Office, 1915; Died 31st October, 1936.

Initiated in "Star of Agra" Lodge No. 1936, Agra, 10th January, 1882; joined Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, Simla, 11th May, 1885; Wor. Master, Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood," No. 459, Simla, 1886; President, District Board of General Purposes, Punjab, 10th January, 1887; Deputy District Grand Master, Punjab, 1910; District Grand Master, Punjab 13th April, 1914 to 1915; Past Grand Warden, (England), 1915.





LIEUT.-COL. HENRY THOMAS PEASE



**LIEUT-COLONEL HENRY THOMAS PEASE, C.I.E., V.D., A.D.C.,  
M.R.C.V.S., F.Z.S., I.C.V.D.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1916-1919.**

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Born 20th July, 1862; Army Veterinary Department 1884; Lieutenant (Veterinary Surgeon), 1884; Captain (Veterinary Surgeon), 1894; appointed to Punjab Light Horse (Volunteer Corps), 1897; Captain, Punjab Light Horse, 1899; Major (Veterinary Surgeon), 1902; Major, Punjab Light Horse, 1904; Colonel (Veterinary Surgeon), 1907; Inspector-General, Civil Veterinary Department, Simla, Punjab, 1907-12; Principal, Veterinary College, Punjab, Lahore, 1912-19; Lieutenant-Colonel, Punjab Light Horse, 1912; Commandant, Punjab Light Horse, 1912-19; Hon. A.D.C. to Commander-in-Chief; retired from service, 1919; died 12th April, 1943.

Initiated in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1898; joined Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, Simla; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1901; District Grand Junior Deacon, Punjab, 1912; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner (England), 1912; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1913 to 1920; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1913; District Grand Master, Punjab, 1st April, 1916 to 1919.





MAJ.-GEN. SIR GEORGE FLETCHER MACMUNN



**MAJ-GENERAL SIR GEORGE FLETCHER MACMUNN,  
K.C.B., K.C.S.I., D.S.O.**

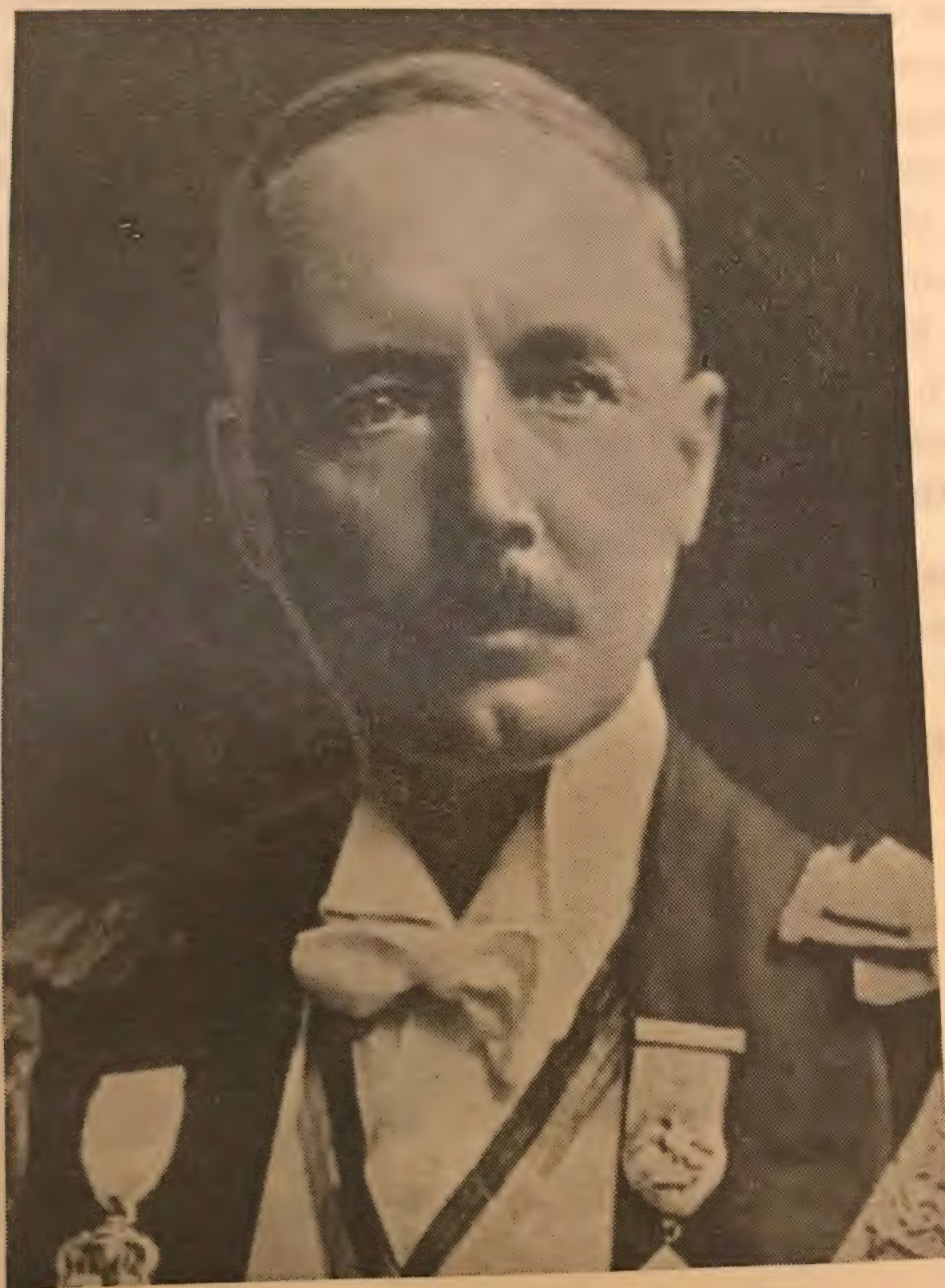
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1920-1923.**

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Born 14th August, 1869; joined Royal Artillery, 1888; Lieutenant, 1891; served in Upper Burma on Irrawaddy Column, 1892; Sima column, 1893; served in Kohat Field Force, 1897; served in North West Frontier in Tirah Expedition, 1897-98; Captain, 1898; Commanded Imperial Service Mountain Battery, served in South Africa with Artillery and on Staff, 1899-1902; Major, 1904; D.A.A.G., India, 1904-1908; D.A.Q.M.G. Headquarters, India, 1908; D.A.D. of Remounts, War Office, 1914-15; served in Mesopotamia and Dardanelles in Great War, 1914-19; Temporary Brigadier-General, 1915-16; Temporary Major-General, 1916; Major-General, 1917; Commander-in-Chief, Mesopotamia, April, 1919, to January, 1920; Quartermaster-General in India 1920-24; retired from service, 1925; Col. Commandant, R.A. 1927-39; Commissioner, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 1932-38; Home Guard, 1940-42; died 23rd August, 1952.

Founder and first Wor. Master of "Mesopotamia Lodge," No. 3820, 1917; Founder Member "Baghdad Lodge" No. 4022, 1919; Past Grand Deacon (England), 1919; Past Grand Sojourner (England), 1919; District Grand Master, Punjab, 10th April, 1920 to 1923; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1920 to 1923.





CLAUDE ALEXANDER BARRON



**CLAUDE ALEXANDER BARRON, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.V.O., F.R.G.S.**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1924-1932.**

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Born 22nd December, 1871; entered the Indian Civil Service in the Punjab, 1892; Settlement Officer, Kohat (N.W.F.P.), 1900-1904; Secretary to Committee Survey of India, 1904-05; Chief Secretary, Punjab Government, 1912-16, Chief Commissioner, Delhi Province, 1918-24; Lieut-Colonel, 5th Punjab Light Horse (I.D.F.) 1918-21; Member, Council of State, India, 1921-24; Financial Commissioner, Punjab, 1924-27; retired from Indian Civil Service, 1928; Revenue Minister, Bahawalpur State, 1927 to 1931; died 29th December, 1948.

Initiated in Lodge "Stewart" No. 1960, Rawalpindi, 1902; Joined Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394, Delhi, 1909; Wor. Master, Lodge "Jumna" No. 1394, Delhi, 1911; Most Excellent Zerubabel, Chapter "Punjab" No. 782, Lahore, 1913; District Grand Master, Punjab, 26th April, 1924 to 1932; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1924 to 1932.





RT. REVD. GEORGE DUNSFORD BARNE



**RT. REVD. GEORGE DUNSFORD BARNE, BISHOP OF LAHORE,  
C.I.E., O.B.E., V.D., D.D., M.A.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1932-1949.**

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Born 6th May, 1879; Assistant Master, Summer Fields, Oxford, 1902-08; Assistant Curate, St. John Baptist, Sumnertown, Oxford, 1904-08; Curate of Simla, 1908-10; Chaplain, Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment, 1910; Principal, Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar (India), 1912-32; Canon of the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Lahore, 1928; Bishop of Lahore, 1932-1949; resigned from Ecclesiastical Office, 1949; Hon. Canon of Sheffield Cathedral, 1951; died 18th June, 1954.

Initiated in Lodge "Kitchener" No. 2998, Simla, 7th June, 1909; joined Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" No. 2121, Kasauli, 1912; Wor. Master, Lodge "Triune Brotherhood" No. 2121, Kasauli, 1915; joined Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1932; District Grand Master, Punjab, 17th June, 1932 to 1949; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1932 to 1949; joined "Old Cliftonian Lodge" No. 3340, 1946; joined "Royal Colonial Institute Lodge," No. 3556, 1949; Founder Member "Cathedral Lodge" No. 6996, 1950.





LIEUT.-GEN. SIR ROSS CAIRNS McCAY



**THE HON. LIEUT-GENERAL SIR ROSS CAIRNS McCAY,  
C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.**

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1949-1953.**

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Born 18th September, 1895; European War, 1914-18; Lieutenant, Indian Army 17 Cavalry, 1918; Captain, 1919, North West Frontier, 1920-24; 6th Rajputana Rifles, 1924; North West Frontier, 1930-31; Major, 1931; North West Frontier, 1937-39; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1938; Deputy Military Secretary, India, 1940-41; Colonel, 1941; Brig-General Staff, India Office, 1941-43; Brigadier, 1942; Brigade Commander, I.A., 1943; Military Secretary, India, 1944; Major-General (Acting), 1944; Temporary Major-General, 1945; Area Commander, India, Major-General, 1947; Commander, Peshawar Area, 1947; Lieutenant-General (Acting) 1948; Chief of Staff, Pakistan Army, 1948; Chief Military Adviser to the Pakistan Government, 1951-53.

Initiated Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, Dera Ismail Khan, 13th February 1923; joined Lodge "McMahon" No. 3263, Quetta, 1926; Wor. Master, Lodge "Derajat" No. 3206, Dera Ismail Khan, 1930 and 1932; joined Lodge "Light of the Craft, No. 3265, 1934; M.E.Z. "Border" Chapter No. 582, Peshawar, 1947 and 1948; joined Lodge "Stewart," No. 1960, Rawalpindi, 1948, District Grand Master, Punjab, 23rd April, 1949 to 1953; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1949 to 1953; joined "Royal Colonial Institute Lodge" No. 3556, 1955; Wor. Master, "Royal Colonial Institute Lodge" No. 3556, 1958 and 1965.





HENRY JOSEPH PEARSON



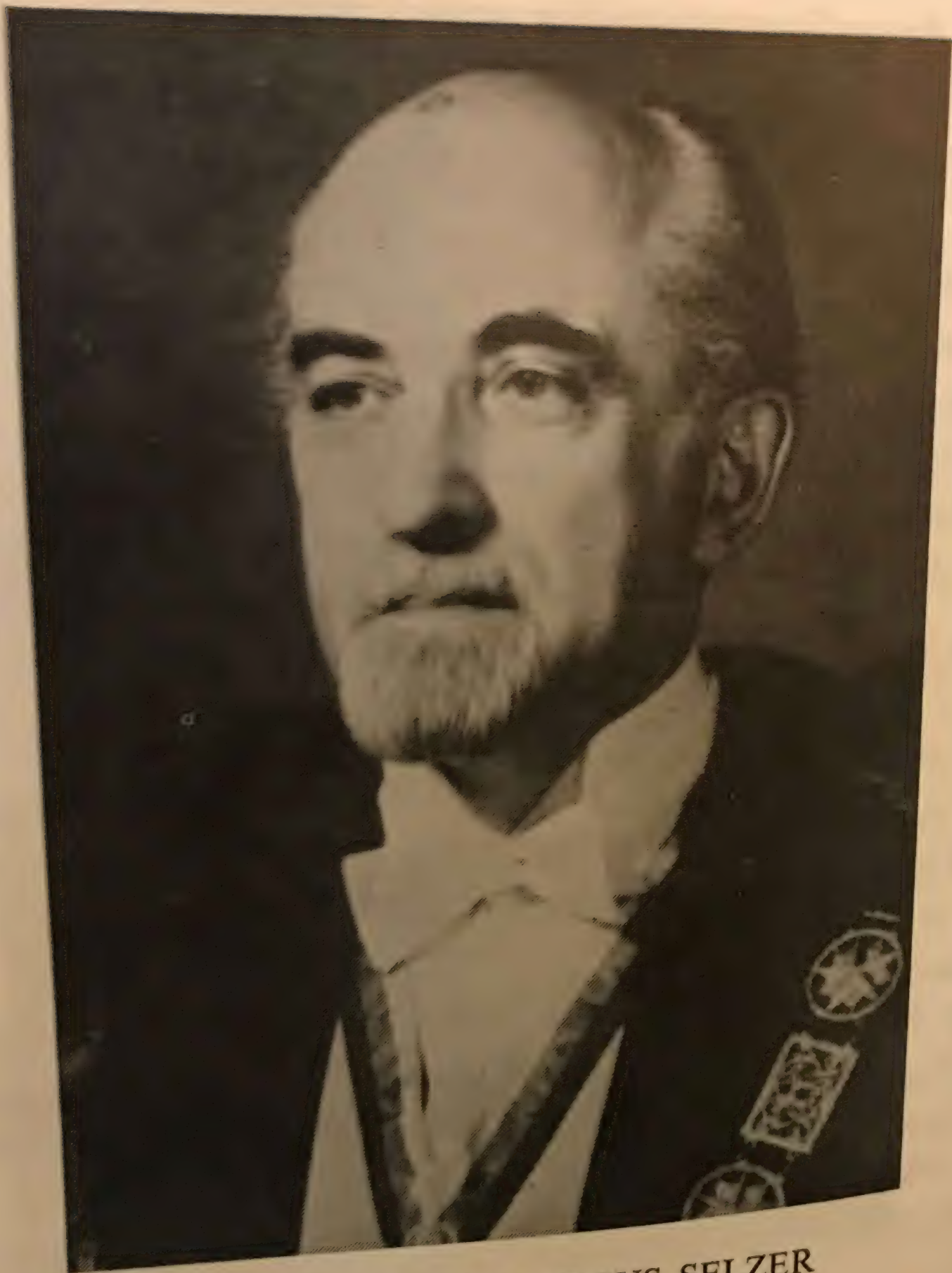
**HENRY JOSEPH PEARSON, O.B.E.**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB, 1953-1961.**

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Born 28th June, 1892; joined the Punjab Provincial Service, 20th December, 1910; Assistant and later Junior Secretary to Financial Commissioners, Punjab, Lahore, May, 1922 to 1927; Deputy Secretary to G.P., Finance Department, Lahore, April 1927 to August, 1929; Extra Assistant Commissioner, Amritsar, August, 1929 to February, 1931; Officer on Special Duty and Administrative Officer in Supdt. Chief Engineer's Office, Hydro-Electric Branch, Lahore, February, 1931 to May, 1934; Officer on Special Duty, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Lahore, May, 1934 to March, 1935; Officiating Deputy Secretary to Government Punjab, Finance Department, Lahore, March, 1935 to 1947; retired but re-employed as Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department, Lahore 1st November, 1947; Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department, April-September, 1949; died 29th June, 1961.

Initiated in Lodge "Mooltan" No. 1307, Multan, 1920; joined Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1923; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1927; District Grand Senior Deacon, Punjab, 26th March, 1932; District Grand Registrar, Punjab, 23rd March, 1938 to March 1940; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (England), 1940; Past Grand Std. Bearer (R.A.), 1940; District Grand President of the Board of General Purposes, Punjab, 18th March, 1942 to April, 1948; District Grand Secretary, Punjab, 10th April, 1948 to 16th May, 1953; District 3rd Grand Principal, Punjab, 16th March, 1939; District Grand Scribe E, Punjab, 1948 to 1953; Past District Senior Grand Warden, Punjab, 22nd April, 1950; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner (Eng.), 1952; District Grand Master of the Punjab, 16th May, 1953 to 1961; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1953 to 1961; Wor. Master Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, 1957.





DR. HERMANN MARCUS SELZER



**Dr. HERMANN MARCUS SELZER, M.D.**  
**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF PAKISTAN, 1961—**

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Born December 5th, 1909, in Stryj (Austria); educated in Oberhausen (Germany) studied Medicine in Cologne (Germany) Dusseldorf (Germany) and Rome (Italy); settled in Lahore 1937; Medical Practitioner in Lahore from 1937 to date.

Initiated in Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" No. 2370, 1949; Wor. Master Lodge "Prince Albert Victor" No. 2370, 1955; M.E.Z. Chapter "Punjab" No. 782, 1956; Wor. Master Lodge "Emerald Isle" No. XIX (I.C.) 1959; District Senior Grand Warden, Punjab, 1960-61; P. Asst. G.D. of C. (England) 1961; P.G. St. B. (Royal Arch), 1961; District Grand Master of the Punjab, 14th October, 1961, upto the present; Grand Superintendent, Punjab, 1961, upto the present; District Grand Mark Master Punjab, 1961, upto the present; Wor. Master Lodge "Hardinge" No. 3754, 1965.



THE BUILDING AND THE  
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The present building of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan is Freemasons' Hall Lahore, a somewhat old fashioned but still imposing structure that forms one sector of a circle of buildings surrounding Charing Cross, on the Shahrah-e-Quaid-i-Azam in the centre of modern Lahore. Although itself only about fifty years old, its history and that of its predecessor dates back to the period before the formation of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab.

In 1859 Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 was formed and the following year constructed a building in the Old Anarkali section of Lahore on what to this day is known as Lodge Road. An account of the laying of the foundation stone appears in the 5th November, 1859, issue of the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror. From this record we learn that the Brethren of the Lodge together with many residents and one hundred and fifty native Chiefs assembled for the ceremony on 6th September, 1859, at which Wor. Bro. H.D. Sandeman officiated. The building was completed by February, 1860, to become the first permanent Masonic establishment in Lahore. It was in this building at an Emergent Meeting of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 on 12th March, 1869, that the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was established. In late 1872 Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, by a unanimous vote, transferred the title of the building and property to the District to be used as its headquarters.

The original building served the needs of the District until 1889 by which time the facilities had become inadequate. Early that year an office room was added on the south side and a library, reading room and lavatory on the north side. Before the end of the year the District sanctioned the construction of an enclosed verandah and a reception room. These additional rooms not only completed the required facilities but added to the aesthetic value of the building. In the year 1900 the Banqueting Hall was enlarged and in 1902 a large Hall 45' x 30' was added to the south end of the District Building at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,000. No other major additions or alterations were found necessary until the structure was extensively damaged by a severe earthquake on 4th April, 1905. An examination of the damage revealed that it was due, in part, to the piece-meal construction of the additions. To guard against the possibility of a similar occurrence in the future, the Board of General Purposes decided to completely demolish the damaged sections and to reconstruct those portions as a unit. Consequently the members of the Board framed an estimate of the work which amounted to Rs. 13,500. During April and May, 1905, attempts were made to obtain a grant of Rs. 15,000 from the Grand Lodge of England to cover the intended rebuilding including furniture and fittings, but the Board of General Purposes was informed by Grand Lodge that any such grant was improbable. However, in June, the



estimate for demolition and rebuilding was approved by the Board and the work was started. In the same month an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a loan of Rs. 15,000 was also turned down. In March, 1906, the revised estimates of the cost were found to have soared to approximately Rs. 21,500. This increased estimate was approved at the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Lahore on 7th April, 1906, with the condition that the District should mortgage its property in favour of the Governing Body of the Punjab Masonic Institution to secure the said loan. It was not until 10th September, 1906, that a resolution was formally passed at the Autumnal Meeting of the District held at Simla, allowing the property at Lahore to be mortgaged without possession in favour of the Trustees of the Punjab Masonic Institution as security for a loan of Rs. 20,000.

The extensive repairs and additions to the Temple at Lahore were finally completed by the early part of 1906 and the District Grand Lodge met for the first time in the re-constructed Temple on 7th April, 1906.

For three years the building offered good service to the District without inviting any criticism. But, at a Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held at Lahore in March, 1910, Wor. Bro. Major G. K. Walker moved a proposal—the first of its kind—that a new District Grand Lodge building should be built, in view of the accommodation in the Masonic Temple being inadequate. Wor. Bro. Walker suggested that money should be raised by the sale of the existing property and the issue of debentures to Masonic Bodies and Masons in the Punjab. After discussion, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Wor. Bros. Sir D. P. Masson, Lt. Col. Arthur Grey, Major G. K. Walker, C. A. Owen and the District Grand Secretary to find a suitable site and ascertain the value of the existing property. In August, 1910, the District Board of General Purposes considered certain proposals with regard to this subject.

In March, 1911, certain concrete steps were taken to collect funds to finance the building costs of the new Temple. Bro. Dudley, the Municipal Engineer of Lahore, prepared plans and estimates for the new Temple. The cost of construction of the new building and out-houses with the site, and new furniture and electric installation all worked out to Rs. 1,50,000. It was estimated that a sum of Rs. 70,000 would probably become available by sale of the existing Temple (on Lodge Road), leaving a sum of Rs. 80,000 to be raised by loan. Considering that the rate of interest at which the District Grand Lodge would be able to secure a loan was 5%, the annual estimate required to meet the interest on the loan was worked out at Rs. 4,000. The Board of General Purposes found that the average annual receipt of the District Grand Lodge General Fund was roughly Rs. 10,000 against which the expenditure was Rs. 6,000, thus leaving a credit of Rs. 4,000; just enough to meet the annual interest on a loan of Rs. 80,000. In order to work out a plan to enable the District to pay off annually some part of the principal also and not merely the interest, the Board decided to create a Building Fund and to call upon all Lodges in the District to contribute at the rate of 8 annas per member per quarter or Rs. 2 per annum. This was intended to yield approximately Rs. 3,400 per annum on an estimated membership of 1704, this being the number of members on the Roll of the District on 31st December,



1910. The Board also estimated a further yield of Rs. 1,000 from enhanced rental from Craft Lodges using the Temple. Accordingly, a list of all the Craft Lodges showing the number of members on their Rolls on 31st December, 1910, and the amounts payable by them towards the Building Fund was prepared and circulated in March, 1911. A covering letter from the District Grand Secretary, Punjab, addressed to the Wor. Masters of all Lodges in the Punjab, requested that the Circular be placed before their Lodges at their next meeting and to intimate to the District whether the Lodges would agree to the contribution proposed of 8 annas per member per quarter for the creation of the Building Fund.

At the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall Lahore, on 15th April, 1911, a new Committee consisting of Wor. Bros. the Hon'ble H. P. Burt, Major R. Heard and Major Bailey, was appointed with full powers, subject to approval by the D.G.M., to negotiate and complete the sale of the existing Temple and premises on Lodge Road and the acquisition of a new site and construction thereon of the proposed new Temple. This was found necessary as many of the members of the old Committee had left or were no longer in the station. At that Meeting, the D D.G.M. in the Chair referred to the contribution which it was proposed to levy on all Lodges in the District to pay off the fund to be raised for the construction of the new building and felt that there was not a Lodge in the District on which the levy would press heavily. He hoped the scheme would very soon be regarded as complete and settled and that before very long the construction of the new building could be commenced.

Before the Autumnal Meeting of the District in September, 1911, a good many replies were received from the various Lodges in the District offering their full support to the quarterly levy on each member for the purpose of creating the Building Fund. The Committee which had been formed to arrange for the sale of the old Temple, select the new site and arrange for plans and estimates for the new Temple, had by that time made considerable progress. That Committee selected an excellent site, the property of Government, in the very heart of the station and made an application on behalf of the District for the purchase of the same. At the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Simla under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 on 11th September, 1911, the D.G.M. referred to the progress made by the Committee in warm terms and hoped that the District would be in a position to proceed with the project at an early date.

In 1913, strenuous efforts were made by the Committee to expedite matters. His Honour the Lieut. Governor was approached again, which led to enquiries being initiated by the Governor as to the requirements of the District with regard to the site. Thus, by the Autumnal Meeting of the District held at the Freemasons' Hall, Simla, under the Banner of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459 on 8th September, 1913, the D.G.M. was able to report that much headway had been made in the matter and that the Punjab Government had intimated their intention of purchasing the existing Freemasons' Hall at Lahore and its compound for conversion into a Public Library, and of selling to the Fraternity the site at Charing Cross opposite the Queen's statue, for the new Temple, if suitable terms could be arranged for these two transactions. The D.G.M. pointed out that negotiations in the



matter were now proceeding with the Deputy Commissioner of Lahore and since the site at Charing Cross was very valuable that the sanction of the Government of India would probably be necessary to its sale, but which, he had every reason to believe, would be granted.

At the Meeting of the District held on 13th April, 1914, the new D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble H. P. Burt, intimated to the Brethren the further progress made by the District with regard to the sale of the existing Temple and the acquisition of the new site for the construction of the proposed new Temple. The D.G.M. stated that the Committee appointed by them for that purpose had been successful in negotiating the sale of the existing Temple to Government for Rs. 1,07,590 and the purchase from Government of a plot of land measuring 13 Kanals and 126 sq. ft. at Charing Cross, the corner of the Lahore Zoo known as the Deer Park at the junction of The Mall (now Shahra-e-Quaid-i-Azam) and Ferozepur Roads, for Rs. 32,590. The D.G.M. stated that one of the conditions insisted on by the Punjab Government regarding the sale of the new site at Charing Cross was that the building to be constructed by the Fraternity should be an ornament to the locality, with the result that the District had decided to engage the services of Mr. Sullivan, the Consulting Architect to the Punjab Government, for the preparation of the necessary drawings and plans and to submit such plans for the approval of the Government.

Before the next Meeting of the District held at the Freemasons' Hall, Simla, under the Banner of Lodge "Kitch ner" No. 2998 on 7th September, 1914, the D.G.M. was able to report that the sale of the old Temple to the Punjab Government was completed, that the District was in possession of the new site at Charing Cross, and that the plans for the new edifice were complete and ready in all respects for execution and that he hoped that construction of the new Temple would begin soon. (Bro. Mohan Lal was appointed the Contractor to construct the building).

At the above Meeting, the names of Wor. Bros. L. H. Leslie Jones, H.L.O. Garrett, Dr. C. C. Caleb and J. A. Swainson were added to the Committee previously appointed to arrange for the construction of the new Temple, to make up for a number of members of that Committee who had left Lahore.

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the new building took place on 1st April, 1916. This ceremony and the District Grand Lodge Meeting, held that day, were both tied together and were therefore attended by far the largest gathering ever assembled at a District Meeting held at Lahore in the past. Apart from the members of the District, there were no less than 86 visiting Brethren. Another reason why so large an assembly of Masons was present was because the Installation Ceremony of Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. H. T. Pease, the new District Grand Master of the Punjab, was also fixed for that day. This investiture ceremony constituted an integral part of the District Grand Lodge Meeting. Thus, after the new D.G.M. was installed and the D.D.G.M. and other District Grand Lodge Officers appointed and invested, a good portion of the important business was taken up and disposed off. The District Grand Lodge was then adjourned temporarily and the Brethren proceeded to the site at Charing Cross. There they assembled in Max Minck's Building (now the building where Goldsmith's



jeweller has his shop) where they clothed themselves in Masonic Regalia and proceeded across the road to the shamiana erected at the site of the new Temple. Here the District Grand Lodge sitting was formally resumed for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Temple. The foundation-stone that was laid was not a new one, but the original Corner Stone which Wor. Bro. H. D. Sandeman had laid on 6th September, 1859, in the old Temple on Lodge Road. This original Corner Stone was brought from the old building and relaid at the new site according to established Masonic custom. After the ceremony, the D.G.M. whilst addressing the Brethren, thanked those Brethren who, from time to time, had served on the Building Committees and by whose efforts the plans for the erection of the new Temple had borne fruit. The D.G.M. specially referred to the two Building Committees, the first appointed by the District Grand Lodge in 1911 consisting of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir H. P. Burt, and Wor. Bros. Col. R. Heard and Major W. H. Bailey, and the second Committee appointed in 1915, consisting of Wor. Bros. Dr. C. Caleb, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Leslie Jones, H.L.O. Garrett and J. A. Swainson assisted by Wor. Bros. Bal Mukand and David Johnston. After the ceremony was concluded, the Brethren formed a procession and returned to Max Minck's building to unclothe. The District Grand Lodge Meeting was then resumed at the old Temple for the completion of the remaining Masonic business, which having been accomplished, the Lodge was closed in due form.

In the last quarter of 1917, the new Temple at Charing Cross was complete. When the D.G.M. had presided at the District Grand Lodge Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 1st April, 1916, the day that the Corner Stone was laid at the new site, he had hoped that that would be the last of the District Meetings in the old Temple, but work on the new Temple had not progressed expeditiously and the same was not ready for occupation even by the 7th April, 1917, when the next Regular Annual Meeting of the District was held at Lahore. Every effort was therefore made to expedite the completion of the new structure.

When the new Temple was ready for occupation a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge was convened for the 29th November, 1917, for the dedication of the new Temple. The Special Meeting was well attended and at an impressive ceremony, the new Temple was dedicated to Masonic purposes according to ancient custom. The records are not clear regarding the use to which the old building was immediately put. However, it is still standing and is now occupied by the Lady MacLagan School for Girls.

Towards the end of 1918, steps were taken to find ways and means to pay off the debt secured to finance the building of the new Temple. The District Board of General Purposes at its Meeting held on 17th December, 1918, decided to create a Building Fund to assist in paying off this debt and to provide means for the proper upkeep of the new building. The Board made two recommendations: firstly, to increase the rents charged from the several Masonic Bodies using the Temple, and secondly, to levy a contribution of eight annas per member per quarter for the Building Fund. The Board's recommendations were duly accepted and approved by the District Grand Lodge at its Regular Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 29th March, 1919.



In February, 1931, the question of repairs to the Masonic building at Lahore was taken up. A brief flash back with regard to the subject would not be out of place. The condition of the external facings of the District Grand Lodge building was first brought to the notice of the District Board at its Meeting held in July, 1930. Mr. Brentford, A.R.I.B.A., was asked to go over the building and he submitted an estimate for the entire stripping and replastering of the external walls, amounting to Rs. 36,000. It was also found that the basement of the building remained damp and unhealthy which slowly affected the plaster facings. At the same time the heavy cornice around the whole of the top of the building showed signs of disintegration and imminent collapse. A special Premises Committee was formed to look into the matter which finally decided to re-face the building and to apply for a loan from the Punjab Masonic Institutions. Some time later, at a Meeting of the District Board of General Purposes, the Board recommended that the District take a loan of Rs. 50,000 from the P.M.I. to meet the cost of those repairs, etc. The Board also appointed a Special Sub-Committee comprising of Wor. Bros. Owen Roberts, Col. G. I. Davys, Lt.-Col. H.L.O. Garrett, Lt.-Col. C.A. Gill, Dewan Amar Nath Nanda, C.A. Durham and G. Reeves-Brown, to examine the estimates submitted by the Architect, obtain all details and report to the District Grand Lodge on the subject. At the meeting of the Premises Sub-Committee held in January, 1931, the Committee recommended that a loan of Rs. 50,000 be asked for from the Punjab Masonic Institutions to cover the expenses of re-plastering the entire external facings to the building, to instal sanitary flush system and electric heating in the Temple. These recommendations were accepted at the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on 28th March, 1931. The major repairs were thus started.

At the Annual Meeting of the District held at Lahore on 26th March, 1932, referring to the District Grand Lodge building, on which a great deal of work had been done and money had been spent, the D.D.G.M. expressed the hope that the improvements would benefit the District for many years. The D.D.G.M. could not avoid mentioning that the District had gone back to where it stood ten years ago as the new debt incurred placed the District in almost the same position as it was when it originally borrowed money to construct its Temple.

After the major repairs in 1931, the District building did not require any special attention for a number of years, till, in August, 1955, the Premises Committee of the Board of General Purposes, sanctioned the sum of Rs. 900 for repairs to the District Grand Lodge building at Lahore.

Seven years later, i.e. in June, 1962, the Premises Committee was again called upon to inspect and prepare estimates for repairs to the roof, coping and interior of the District Grand Lodge building. The Premises Committee, however, only recommended repairs to the roof and coping and directed that they be given top priority before the monsoon and that all other work be carried out at a later date, which was accordingly done.

The question of repairs, maintenance and improvements to the building again cropped up in May, 1963, when a joint meeting of the Finance and Premises Committees



was held to discuss this matter. The building was in a deteriorated condition and major repairs were required as they were considerably overdue. After much deliberation, the joint Committee discussed and fixed certain priorities and the District Grand Secretary was requested to go ahead with the repairs. Brethren and Lodges were also requested to specially contribute to the Building Fund of the District. (Rs. 1,710 was received as voluntary donation up to the Autumnal Meeting of the District in October, 1963).

In July, 1964, the matter with regard to extensive repairs to the District Grand Lodge building was taken up again. The Finance Committee duly approved a sum of Rs. 5,140, against Rs. 17,240 recommended by the Premises Committee, for repairs to the roof, removal of corbelling, repairs and colour-washing and white-ant treatment. The Finance Committee did not consider it desirable to sanction a large outlay on extensive repairs as it was thought that a stage had been reached when the building required pulling down for a new one to be built in its stead, for which investigation was initiated.

The problem of the District Grand Lodge building at Lahore engaged the attention of the District once again. At a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Rawalpindi in January, 1965, the D.G.M. intimated to the Brethren that the District had initiated a move with the Government for permission to dismantle the existing building and to construct a 6-7 storied commercial building in its stead, the major portion of which could be utilized by commercial houses and the income of which could be utilized towards Masonic and Non-Masonic charities but, unfortunately, in view of protracted delay, it was necessary to give up that idea and to go in for large and important repairs and alterations which were imminently required to make the structure safe and secure. The D.G.M. stated that he felt that roughly Rupees Two Lacs would be required and as the District had no funds available it was necessary to approach the Brethren for donations. Accordingly, the D.G.M. requested Wor. Bro. Lohar, D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. Lt.-Colonel J.J.V.C. Cunningham, Asst. D.G.M., to form Committees and collect opinions and advices from the Brethren all over and bring a detailed proposal before the District Grand Lodge at the next meeting. The Committees so set up went into the matter and the final consensus of opinion was that Brethren should advance interest free loans to the District, repayable to them after a stated period. Accordingly, at the Annual Meeting of the District in March, 1965, the D.G.M. issued an appeal for funds, and assured the Brethren that the loans would be redeemed no sooner the Government granted sanction for the construction of the commercial enterprise and the rents started coming in. Pursuant to this request, roughly Rs. 10,250 was collected by the District, but as Government sanction was not received, the money was returned after some time to the Brethren. Some major and necessary repairs to the building at Lahore still remain due and require attention.

In spite of the fact that repairs to the present building have continually been required it remains in service and, although dwarfed by an adjacent and magnificent structure, the WAPDA building designed by Edward Stone, it is still a pleasing piece of architecture which with its sweeping driveway and high porte-cochere, retains a stately and serene air of grandeur. On the ground floor, heavy teak doors open into a waiting hall floored with marble



tiles and panelled in teak. This panelling was constructed in memory of the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker, P.D.G.M. To the left of the waiting hall on the ground floor is the cloak room, the library containing more than 2000 volumes and the District Grand Master and Secretary's offices. To the right is the main dining room where, over the fireplace is displayed a bust of Lord Kitchener, and one or two side rooms. From the waiting hall, a broad marble staircase leads upto an inter storey rotunda, noted for its tall stained glass windows depicting the three ancient Grand Masters of Craft Masonry. From the rotunda, winding staircases on either side ascend to the upper storey where are located the Temple and other rooms on either side. The winding staircase opens out into an open verandah in front of which is the balcony. On the left is the dressing room and the Temple connected by a small passage. This Temple, which is used by the District Grand Lodge and the Craft, Mark and R.A.M. Lodges and Chapters, has a squared pavement of black and white marble, teak panel wainscotting and an ornate domed plaster ceiling. On the right hand side are the various rooms used by the Christian degrees. On the ground floor, just beneath the rotunda, is the Bar-cum-Club room. Below the ground floor is the basement, where the District Office, kitchen and some residential rooms are situated. These lower rooms in the basement open on to a pleasant lawn and garden.

Plans have not been shelved for the construction of a new District Grand Lodge building at the same site. If the plans materialise, a 6-7 storied structure will be constructed, part to be used for Masonic purposes and the balance to be let out to bring in income for the District Charities as well as for maintenance and support of others Masonic buildings in the District. If ever such a building comes into being, the original Corner Stone, the stained glass windows and many other furnishings of the present building will be utilized in the new one, to perpetuate the link with the beginnings of Masonry in the Punjab.

Before concluding this Chapter it will not be out of place to say a few words about the District Grand Lodge Library.

The first steps taken in the above direction were in 1888 when Wor. Bro. H. J. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M. donated a handsome set of Masonic books, to constitute the nucleus for the acquisition and setting up by the District of a permanent Masonic Library. The Library was thus fairly launched in early 1888 and in the same year draft Rules for the Library were printed and approved by the District.

In 1894, the District Grand Lodge acquired the valuable Masonic Library of the late Wor. Bro. H. J. Whymper to perpetuate the memory of this departed Brother. This personal collection was secured by the District through the exertions of Wor. Bro. Leslie of Lodge "Stewart" No. 1960 and Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. Parker, P.D.G.M. With the addition of Wor. Bro. Whymper's collection the District Grand Lodge Library came to be reckoned as one of the six best Masonic Libraries in the world.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Masonic Library came into being in 1888, it was not officially declared open till the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Lahore on 10th March, 1894. At that Meeting, the D.G.M. officially declared the District



Grand Lodge Library (of which the "Whymper Memorial Library" is a part) duly opened and its books available to all subscribing members of Lodges in the Punjab District.

Various Committees have been appointed from time to time to look after the District Grand Lodge Library and valuable Masonic books have been added thereto each year. The present collection is roughly over 2000 books. The Library is very well maintained and the books which are neatly arranged on the shelves, duly numbered, are open for inspection at all times during office hours. Catalogues of the books present have also been prepared from time to time whenever convenient.

Four standing glass show-cases in the Library display old and ancient Masonic manuscripts and the fifth, the special gifts received by the District from the Lodges and its Brethren. Amongst these gifts is a marble gavel presented to Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, by Bro. Rudyard Kipling with its accompanying covering letter. Two hanging glass frames display old Masonic jewels, which collection of roughly 120 Masonic jewels is a rare and precious collection. These jewels have been presented to the District Grand Lodge by relatives of eminent Brethren and Companions, after their demise. Lastly, a large collection of portrait-size photographs of eminent Masons, both of the District and the Grand Lodge, including that of sixteen out of the seventeen District Grand Masters that have ruled the District upto now, hang in the Library. In The cloak room adjacent to the Library hang portraits of innumerable Wor. Masters and District Grand Lodge officers, apart from group photographs, and other photographic miscellany.

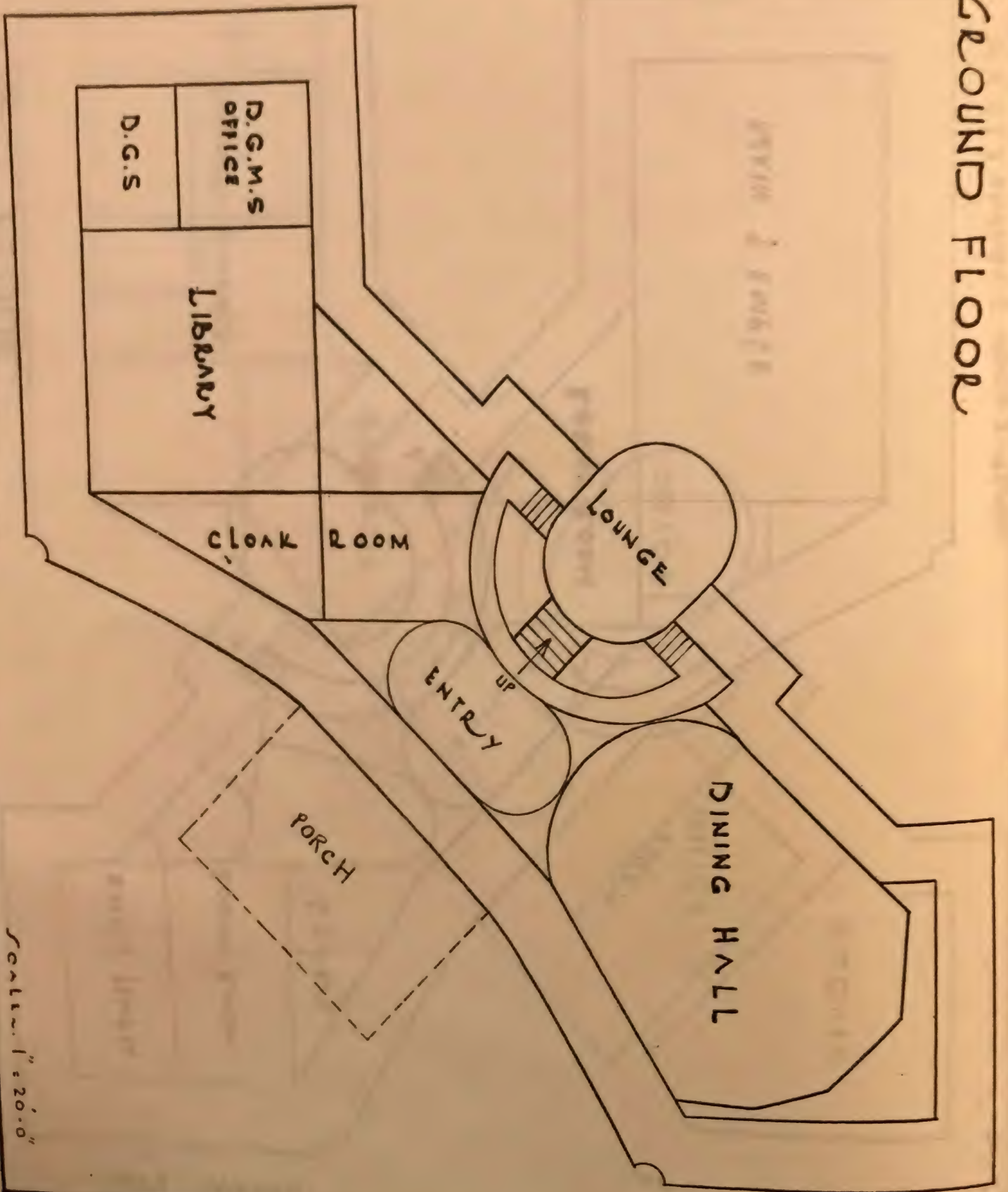




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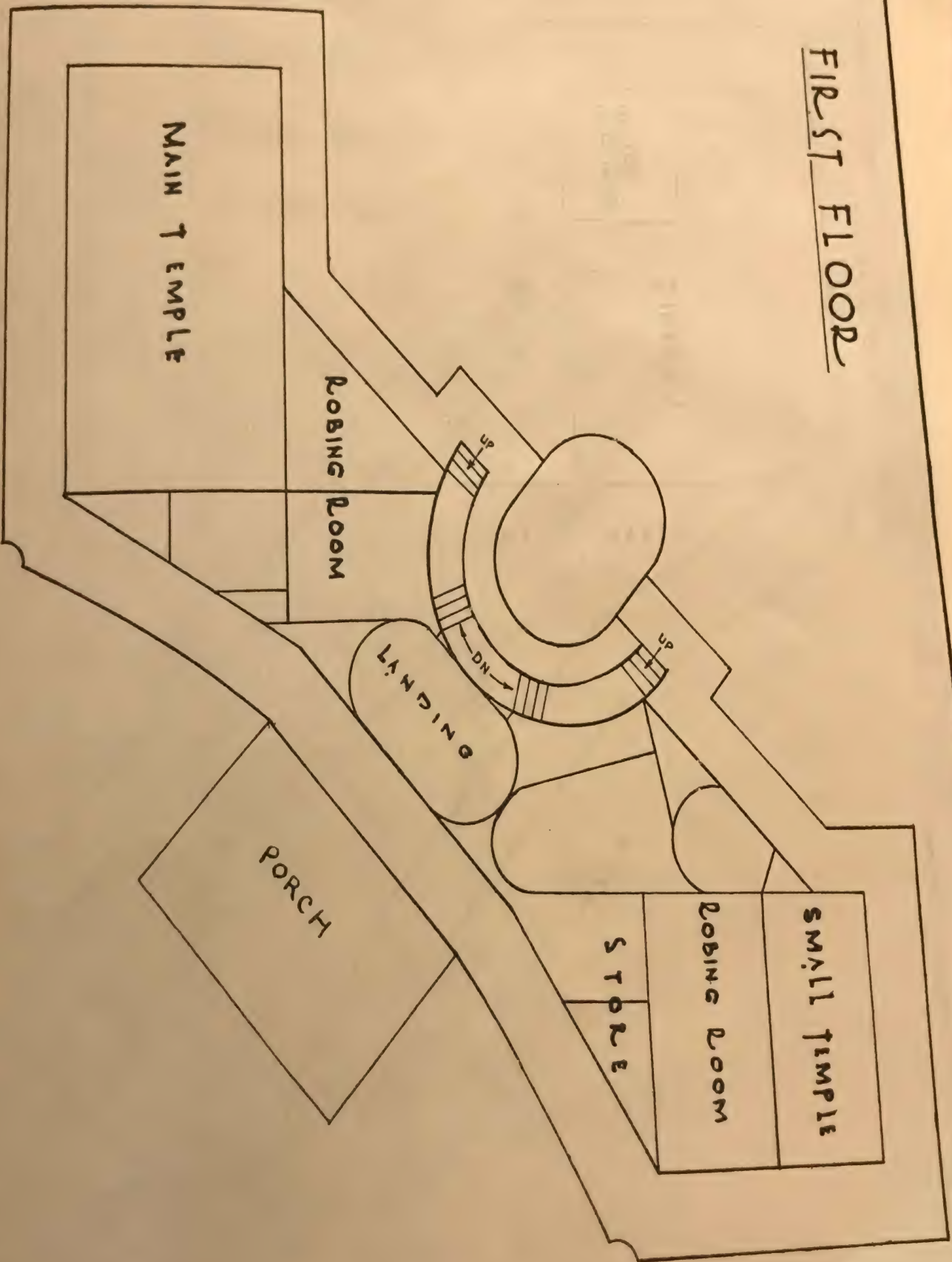
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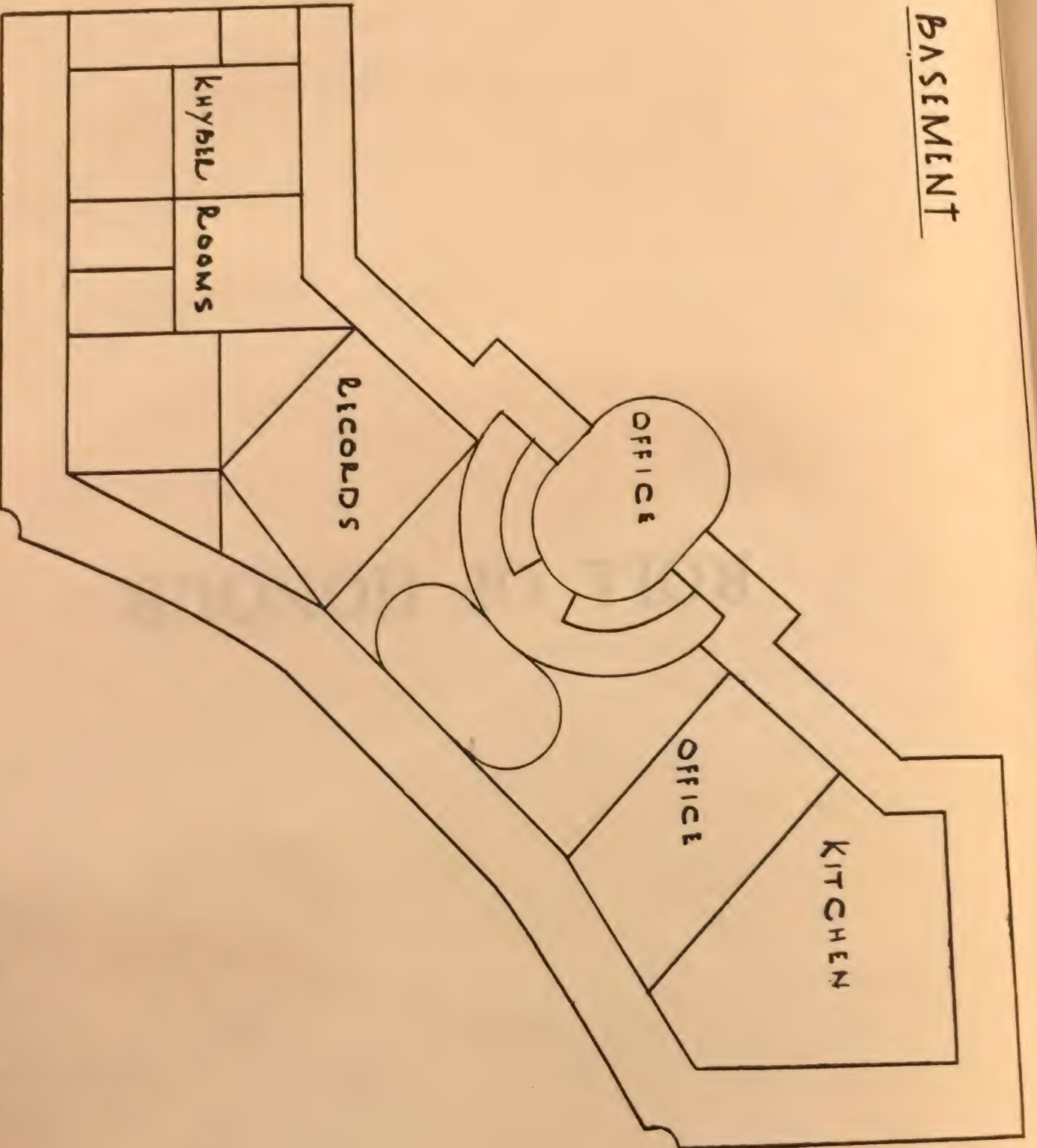
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# ROLL OF HONOUR



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This is a list of District Grand Lodge Officers starting from the rank of District Grand Master and proceeding downwards upto the rank of District Grand Secretary. List of Officers holding lesser District Offices, have not been given.

Apart from the District Grand Masters, whose assumption of office coincide with the dates of their formal appointment and investiture in open District Grand Lodge, all the other District Grand Lodge Officers are appointed and invested by the District Grand Master each year.

The first batch of District Grand Lodge Officers for the year 1869 were appointed in March that year, but those for 1870, 1871, and onwards upto 1891 were appointed in January of those years, e.g. the officers for the year 1870 were appointed in January, 1870. From the year 1892 to 1898, the officers for each respective year, were appointed in March of that year, e.g. the officers for the year 1892 were appointed in March, 1892, and held their office upto March, 1893. Thereafter, for the years 1899 upto 1912, officers were appointed in the preceding December of those years, e.g. officers for the year 1899 were appointed in December, 1898. Finally, from 1913 upto 1968, officers were appointed in March or April of those years, i.e. officers for 1913 were appointed in March or April, 1913, and held their office upto March or April next year.

### DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS

1869-1874	Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C. McW. Mercer
1875-1881	Rt. Wor. Bro. Maj. M. Ramsay
1882-1886	Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. A. Stewart
1887-1892	Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Woodall Parker
1893-1895	Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut-Col. C. F. Massy
1896-1898	Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut-Genl. Sir George B. Wolseley
1899-1902	Rt. Wor. Bro. Genl. Sir A. Power-Palmer
1903-1909	Rt. Wor. Bro. H. E. Genl. Viscount Kitchener
1909-1913	Rt. Wor. Bro. Genl. Sir O'Moore Creagh
1914-1915	Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon. Sir H.P. Burt
1916-1919	Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. H. T. Pease
1920-1923	Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut-Genl. Sir G. F. MacMunn
1924-1932	Rt. Wor. Bro. C. A. Barron
1932-1949	Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. G. D. Barne
1949-1953	Rt. Wor. Bro. Lieut-Genl. Sir R. C. McCay



1953-1961  
1961-

Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson  
Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer.

### DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS

1869-1870	Wor. Bro. Maj. A. Stewart
1871-1872	Wor. Bro. G. H. Basevi
1873-1874	Wor. Bro. Capt. M. Ramsay
1875	Wor. Bro. Maj. G. N. Money
1876-1877	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. H. Mackesy
1878	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. Chalmers
1879	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. A. Gorham Wor. Bro. Capt. G. Blake
1880	Wor. Bro. T. W. Rawlins
1881-1882	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. W. Ottley
1882-1883	Wor. Bro. Walter Adlard
1883	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. S. Brownrigg Wor. Bro. Col. G. B. Wolseley, A.D.C.
1884	Wor. Bro. H. J. Whymper
1885	Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Boswell, C. B.
1886-1887	Wor. Bro. Maj. A. H. Turner
1886	Wor. Bro. E. Woodall Parker
1887-1888	Wor. Bro. Col. O. Menzies
1888	Wor. Bro. Dr. B. L. Ghose (Past) Wor. Bro. Capt. J. Judge (Past)
1889	Wor. Bro. Col. O. Menzies Wor. Bro. Capt. R. F. Castellari Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. C. W. Calthrop
1890	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. C. W. Calthrop Wor. Bro. Capt. W. P. Carson
1891	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. P. Carson Wor. Bro. Genl. G.E.L.S. Sanford, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E.
1892	Wor. Bro. Genl. G.E.L.S. Sanford, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E.
1892-1893	Wor. Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E.
1893	Wor. Bro. Brigade-Surg. Col. C. W. Calthrop
1894	Wor. Bro. Maj. F. A. Bowles Wor. Bro. Justice P. C. Chatterji, M.A., B.L., R.B.
1895	Wor. Bro. Brig. Gen. A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B. Wor. Bro. Col. C.H.T. Marshall
1896	Wor. Bro. K.B., D.F. Camadore Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray Wor. Bro. Col. J. G. Kelly, C.B., A.D.C.



1897	Wor. Bro. Genl. Sir E.H.H. Collen, K.C.I.E.
1898-1899	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Genl. Sir A. Power-Palmer, K.C.B.
1899	Wor. Bro. Col. C. M. Keighley, C.B.
1900-1903	Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray
1904-1905	Wor. Bro. Col. H. F. Lyons-Montgomery
1906-1909	Wor. Bro. Sir David P. Masson, Kt., C.I.E.
1909-1910	Wor. Bro. Col. H. T. Pease, C.I.E.
1910-1914	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble H. P. Burt, C.I.E.
1914-1915	Wor. Bro. Col. H. T. Pease, C.I.E.
1915	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. A. Bailey (Past)
1916	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Col. Sir G. O. Roos-Keppel, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Dr. C.C. Caleb (Past)
1917	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Surgn-Genl. Sir C. P. Lukis, K.C.S.I., K.H.S.
	Wor. Bro. Col. W. J. D. Dundee, C.I.E. (Past)
1918-1919	Wor. Bro. Genl. C. L. Norman, M.V.O., D.S.O.
1920-1924	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice Alan Brice Broadway
1925	Wor. Bro. Richard Watson
1926	Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston
1927	Wor. Bro. Dr. Charles Arthur Owen, M. D.
1928	Wor. Bro. Cooverjee Cursetjee Mehta
1929	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice Sir Alan Brice Broadway
1930	Wor. Bro. Dr. H. T. Holland, C.I.E.
1931-1932	Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts
1933	Wor. Bro. Col. F.A. Finnis, C.B., O.B.E.
1934-1935	Wor. Bro. Herbert Leonard Offley Garret, F.R.H.S.
1936-1937	Wor. Bro. Brig. R. S. Abbott, M.C., A.D.C.
1938-1939	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. Alan Macdonald Dick, C.B.E., V.H.S.
1940-1941	Wor. Bro. C.C. Garbett, C.S.I., C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S.
1942-1944	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. Victor Clarkson Anderson, M.C.
1945-1946	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. Frederick Richard Gifford, O.B.E.
1947	Wor. Bro. Col. R.J.L. Wilkinson, O.B.E.
1948	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Genl. Sir Ross Cairns McCay, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
1949-1955	Wor. Bro. Alfred Gilbert
1956-1958	Wor. Bro. John George
1959-1961	Wor. Bro. L. R. Stannard
1961-1963	Wor. Bro. L.A.H. Dickens
1964-1968	Wor. Bro. Behram K. Lohar

#### ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS

1964	Wor. Bro. L. S. Freeman
1964-1965	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. J.J.V.C. Cunningham
1966	Wor. Bro. Frank William Sutton
1967-1968	Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan



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1869	Wor. Bro. G. Elliot
1870	Wor. Bro. G. H. Basevi
1871	Wor. Bro. G. C. Rowcroft
1872	Wor. Bro. Col. G. N. Money
1873	Wor. Bro. W. E. Ball
1874	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. M. Smyth
1875	Wor. Bro. A. M. Saunders
1876	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. Chalmers
1877	Wor. Bro. Capt. A. Litster
1878	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. A. Gorham
1879	Wor. Bro. T. W. Rawlins
1880	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. W. Ottley
1881	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. H. Sorrell
1882	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. S. Brownrigg
1883	Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Boswell, C. B.
1884	Wor. Bro. Major G. T. Morris
1885	Wor. Bro. B. L. Freeman
1886	Wor. Bro. E. Woodall Parker
	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. D. C. Grose
1887	Wor. Bro. Col. O. Menzies
	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. P. Carson (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Col. G. E. L. S. Sanford, C. B.
1888	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. J. Walker, M. B.
1889	Wor. Bro. Maj. J. G. Kelly
1890	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. F. Massy
	Wor. Bro. D. F. Camadore
1891	Wor. Bro. Col. C. H. T. Marshall
1892	Wor. Bro. Maj. F. A. Bowles
1893	Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray
1894	Wor. Bro. Col. A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C. B.
1895	Wor. Bro. Maj.-Genl. Sir E. H. H. Collen, K.C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. J. R. B. Bell
1896	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. F. Lyons-Montgomery
1897	Wor. Bro. Col. H. Hervey
	Wor. Bro. Rev. T. C. Shepherd (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Rev. A. H. Hildesley (Past)
1898	Wor. Bro. Rev. M. C. Sanders
1899	Wor. Bro. E.V.S. Cullin
1900	Wor. Bro. Col. D. P. Masson, C.I.E.
1901	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Shearer
1902	Wor. Bro. Capt. S. M. Mercer



1903	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. E. Sandbach
1904	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. W. Napier-Clavering
1905	Wor. Bro. Col. W. J. Wickham, C. B.
1906	Wor. Bro. W. D. Henry
1907	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. M. Cowper
1908	Wor. Bro. Col. H. T. Pease, C.I.E.
1909	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Sir A. H. McMahon, K.C.I.E.
1910	Wor. Bro. Maj. R. J. Blackham
1911	Wor. Bro. Surg.-Genl. Sir C. P. Lukis, C. S. I.
1912	Wor. Bro. Col. W. J. D. Dundee, C.I.E.
1913	Wor. Bro. Gen. W. E. Payton, C.V.O.
1914	Wor. Bro. Lieut-Col. R. Heard
	Wor. Bro. G. S. Downes (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Maj. G. K. Walker, C.I.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Brig.-Genl. H. V. Cox, C.B., C.S.I. (Past)
1915	Wor. Bro. Brig.-Genl. V. B. Fane, C. B.
	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. G. Macpherson (Past)
1916	Wor. Bro. W. E. Jardine
	Wor. Bro. Capt. C. Collins (Past)
1917	Wor. Bro. C. A. Barron, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Brig.-Genl. L. C. Dunsterville (Past)
1918	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice L. H. Leslie Jones
1919	Wor. Bro. R. E. Holland, C.I.E.
1920	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. A. E. Dallas
1921	Wor. Bro. Col. H. F. Cleveland, C. I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Col. H. W. R. Senior, C.I.E., D.S.O. (Past)
1922	Wor. Bro. Revd. G. D. Barne, O.B.E.
1923	Wor. Bro. A. I. Sleigh
	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. I. Davys (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Col. Comdt. A. L. Tarver, C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., (Past)
1924	Wor. Bro. Dr. H. T. Holland
1925	Wor. Bro. Col. Richard Arthur Needham, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Capt. Percy Harold Marshall (Past)
1926	Wor. Bro. Col. Thomas Nisbet, C.M.G., D.S.O.
1927	Wor. Bro. Col. Comdt. F.A.S. Gervers, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Sir H. N. Bolton, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S. (Past)
1928	Wor. Bro. Col. H. E. Weekes
	Wor. Bro. Col. W. L. Cary (Past)
1929	Wor. Bro. Col. H.G.F. Frisby
1930	Wor. Bro. Col. W. E. Hume-Spry, D.S.O.
	Wor. Bro. C. J. Knowles, M.B.E. (Past)
1931	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. A.A.G. Duke



1932	Wor. Bro. Col. F. A. Finnis, C.B., O.B.E. Wor. Bro. Col. J. St. Aubyn-King (Past)
1933	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. C.V.S. Jackson Wor. Bro. G. Reeves-Brown (Past)
1934	Wor. Bro. Col. R. S. Abbot Wor. Bro. R. B. Ram Kishore (Past) Wor. Bro. H. H. Maharaja Hari Singh of Jammu & Kashmir
1935	Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. A. M. Dick, C.B.E.
1936	Wor. Bro. Maj. V. C. Alderson, M.C.
1937	Wor. Bro. Dr. B. R. Khanna (Past) Wor. Bro. Col. J. A. Manifold
1938	Wor. Bro. H. H. Maharaja of Patiala
1939	Wor. Bro. T. Lowery (Past)
1940	Wor. Bro. N. Hackney Wor. Bro. Maj. A. W. Dyer (Past)
1941	Wor. Bro. Maj. A. W. Elliott, M. C. Wor. Bro. E. Pearson (Past)
1942	Wor. Bro. Sir Maurice Gwyer Wor. Bro. D. A. Howell (Past) Wor. Bro. Bakshi Bhagat Ram Anand (Past)
1943	Wor. Bro. Col. R. J. Wilkinson Wor. Bro. A. F. Ebeling (Past)
1944	Wor. Bro. C. D. Buckley Wor. Bro. Lt.-Gen. Sir Bertrand Moberly (Past)
1945	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. A. P. Imlay, D.S.O.
1946	Wor. Bro. Brig. R. C. Herron
1947	Wor. Bro. R. S. Charanjit Lal.
1948	Wor. Bro. R. S. Azmat Singh Wor. Bro. Maj. Gen. S. Greeves, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (Past)
1949	Wor. Bro. Brig. Sir Hissamuddin
1950	Wor. Bro. Revd. R. T. Kerr Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, O.B.E. (Past) Wor. Bro. C. Wollen (Past) Wor. Bro. L. Hira Lal (Past)
1951-1954	Wor. Bro. John George
1954	Wor. Bro. L. Brentford (Past)
1955	Wor. Bro. John George Wor. Bro. W. S. Houghton (Past)
1956-1958	Wor. Bro. Sir Tayabali Karimjee
1959	Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer Wor. Bro. K. A. Marker (Past) Wor. Bro. F. B. Patel (Past)



1960-61	Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer
1961	Wor. Bro. P. C. David, M.B.E. (Past)
1962	Wor. Bro. C.G. Johnston
1963	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. J. V. C. Cunningham
	Wor. Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla (Past)
	Wor. Bro. G. M. Qureshi (Past)
1964	Wor. Bro. Dr. M. I. Sheikh
	Wor. Bro. F. W. Sutton (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Fakirjee P. Golwalla
1965	Wor. Bro. Bashir Ahmad (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. J. C. Dearlove
1966	Wor. Bro. Jooma Noor Mohammad
1967	Wor. Bro. Dr. E. Duncan Smith (Past)
	Wor. Bro. M. J. Teherany
1968	Wor. Bro. C. Aganoor (Past)

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1869	Wor. Bro. G. H. Daly
1870	Wor. Bro. W. Adlard
1871	Wor. Bro. Col. G. N. Money
1872	Wor. Bro. W. H. Wilson
	Wor. Bro. Maj. M. Ramsay
	Wor. Bro. Capt. G. Blake
1873	Wor. Bro. F. D. Daly
1874	Wor. Bro. Capt. W.H.E.D. Chester
1875	Wor. Bro. W. Mellor
1876	Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. J. M. Campbell
1877	Wor. Bro. J. W. Goldney
1878	Wor. Bro. H. T. Tanner
	Wor. Bro. F. Von-Goldstein
1879	Wor. Bro. H. J. Whymper
1880	Wor. Bro. Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore
1881	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. Judge
1882	Wor. Bro. J. R. Drummond
1883	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. G. Kelly
1884	Wor. Bro. Dy. Surgn-Genl. R. Wolseley
	Wor. Bro. Maj. A. H. Turner
1885	Wor. Bro. Col. F.F.J. Toke
1886	Wor. Bro. Surg. Maj. D. C. Grose
	Wor. Bro. Capt. R. F. Castellari
1887	Wor. Bro. Brig. Surgn. J. A. Scott.
1888	Wor. Bro. Mark Carrol
1889	Wor. Bro. Surgn. Maj. G. C. Ross
1890	Wor. Bro. T. Barnes-Cooke



1891	Wor. Bro. P. C. Mukerji
1892	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. A. Murison
1893	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. F. Riddell
1894	Wor. Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie
1895	Wor. Bro. C. Brown
1896	Wor. Bro. Surgn. Col. O. G. Wood
	Wor. Bro. C. E. Beresford (Past)
	Wor. Bro. E. Farrance (Past)
1897	Wor. Bro. E. C. Jussawala
1898	Wor. Bro. Col. C. M. Keighley, D.S.O.
1899	Wor. Bro. Maj. Arthur Grey
1900	Wor. Bro. H. H. G. Rotton
1901	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Frank Leigh, V. D.
1902	Wor. Bro. C. H. Blackburn
	Wor. Bro. C. Cursetji (Past)
	Wor. Bro. W. J. Gill (Past)
	Wor. Bro. W. Mitchell (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. A. Anderson (Past)
1903	Wor. Bro. Sirdar Col. Partap Singh
1904	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. Alves
	Wor. Bro. Capt. W. P. Alexander (Past)
	Wor. Bro. G. E. Coates (Past)
1905	Wor. Bro. R. Watson
1906	Wor. Bro. W. Chevis
1907	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. F. L. Penno
1908	Wor. Bro. Maj. G. O. Roos-Keppel, C.I.E.
1909	Wor. Bro. Dr. C. C. Caleb, M.B., M.S.
1910	Wor. Bro. J. B. D'Silva
1911	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. A. Bailey
1912	Wor. Bro. Dr. C. A. Owen, M. D.
1913	Wor. Bro. W. L. Edge
1914	Wor. Bro. R. T. Clarke, I.C.S.
1915	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice A. B. Broadway
1916	Wor. Bro. Maj. G. Tate, I. M. S.
	Wor. Bro. R. S. Balmukand (Past)
1917	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. Norman Young
	Wor. Bro. R. B. Milkhi Ram (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. L. P. More, R.A.M.C.
1918	Wor. Bro. H. H. Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala, G.B.E., G.C.I.E.



1919	Wor. Bro. Maj. D. S. Haddow
	Wor. Bro. C.C. Mitchell (Past)
1920	Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett, F.R.H.S.
	Wor. Bro. J. Tinson (Past)
	Wor. Bro. J. J. Evans (Past)
	Wor. Bro. J. C. Whitehouse (Past)
1921	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. A. C. Elliot
	Wor. Bro. Devan Lakshmi Narain (Past)
1922	Wor. Bro. Revd. A. P. G. Maunsell, B. D.
	Wor. Bro. J. Asquith (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. H. Gwynne (Past)
1923	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. P. N. Craighie
	Wor. Bro. W. G. Clarke, M.B.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Col. H. R. Nevill, C.I.E., O.B.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Mathra Das (Past)
1924	Wor. Bro. Raja Ram
1925	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. William John Keen
	Wor. Bro. John Baptist Faletti (Past)
1926	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. John K. S. Fleming, O.B.E.
1927	Wor. Bro. Sir Basil P. Blackett, K.C.B.
1928	Wor. Bro. Miles Irving, O.B.E.
1929	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. H. H. Broome, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. R. B. Divan Jamiat Rai, C.I.E. (Past)
1930	Wor. Bro. Capt. S. I. Davy
1931	Wor. Bro. R. J. Carmichael
	Wor. Bro. Maj. C. W. E. Kerr (Past)
	Wor. Bro. R. S. Chuni Lal (Past)
1932	Wor. Bro. Col. M. S. Hewitt, D. S. O.
1933	Wor. Bro. F. Stewart
	Wor. Bro. W. W. Cairns (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. R. Prince, O.B.E. (Past)
1934	Wor. Bro. A. Carruthers
	Wor. Bro. S. V. Haldipur (Past)
1935	Wor. Bro. W. L. Stevenson
	Wor. Bro. K. S., A. R. Mehta (Past)
1936	Wor. Bro. H. Brown, M.B.E.
1937	Wor. Bro. Maj.-Genl. Nawab Khusru Jang, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Charles Grey (Past)
1938	Wor. Bro. R. B. Meher Chand Khanna
	Wor. Bro. H. J. H. W. Gittens (Past)



	Wor. Bro. D. B. Amar Nath Nanda (Past)
	Wor. Bro. W.B.O'Neil (Past)
1939	Wor. Bro. Col. C. G. Martin, V. C.
	Wor. Bro. R. S. Azmat Singh (Past)
	Wor. Bro. F. Von Goldstein (Past)
1940	Wor. Bro. C. Wollen
	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. C. Ingle (Past)
1941	Wor. Bro. W. A. Nedou
	Wor. Bro. Maj. R. J. Shearcroft, M.B.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. T. M. Bowdler (Past)
1942	Wor. Bro. S. G. White
1943	Wor. Bro. Rev. A. J. Revnell
	Wor. Bro. Awtar Singh Duggal (Past)
1944	Wor. Bro. Maj. T. G. Fox
	Wor. Bro. C. St. J. Jackson (Past)
1945	Wor. Bro. Hira Lal
	Wor. Bro. R. B. Ram Rattan Puri (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Mul Chand Gagera (Past)
1946	Wor. Bro. Brig. R. B. Dina Nath
	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. H. Stribbling (Past)
1947	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. H. H. Raja Sir Harinder Singh of Faridkot, K.C.S.I.
	Wor. Br. Maj.-Gen. J. B. Dalison, O.B.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Maj. S.A. Meer, M.B.E. (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Cuthbert V. King, C.I.E., I.C.S. (Past)
1948	Wor. Bro. N. P. Mohan, M.B.E.
	Wor. Bro. Maj. E. Marcham (Past)
1949	Wor. Bro. Sohan Lal Vohra
1950	Wor. Bro. A. N. Bannerji
1951	Wor. Bro. C. W. Budd
1952	Wor. Bro. R. B. H. N. Khanna
1953	Wor. Bro. H. L. Phillips
1954	Wor. Bro. T. M. P. Moore
1955	Wor. Bro. T. H. A. Karimjee
	Wor. Bro. K. A. Marker (Past)
	Wor. Bro. F. B. Patel (Past)
1956	Wor. Bro. W. Newton Booth
1957	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. J. S. Thompson
1958	Wor. Bro. Dr. H. M. Selzer, M. D.
1959	Wor. Bro. C. G. Johnston
1960	Wor. Bro. E. A. Williams



- 1961 Wor. Bro. C. H. Shirtcliffe  
 1962 Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. J.J.V.C. Cunningham  
 1963 Wor. Bro. F. W. Sutton  
 Wor. Bro. Bashir Ahmad (Past)  
 1964 Wor. Bro. D. L. Sutherland  
 Wor. Bro. Fakirjee P. Golwalla (Past)  
 Wor. Bro. Jooma Noormohammad (Past)  
 Wor. Bro. Dr. E. Duncan-Smith  
 1965 Wor. Bro. Maj. W.J.C. Dearlove  
 Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. C. W. M. Young, O.B.E. (Past)  
 1966 Wor. Bro. Brig. A. Qayum Sher, H. J.  
 Wor. Bro. J. H. Willis (Past)  
 1967 Wor. Bro. S. J. W. Coles  
 Wor. Bro. Mohd Ashraf Chaudhry (Past)  
 Wor. Bro. Abdur Rashid (Past)  
 1968 Wor. Bro. R.P. Ghadiali  
 Wor. Bro. Mazhar Mufty (Past)

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- 1873 Wor. Bro. Rev. I.R. Lewin  
 1874 Wor. Bro. Rev. A.W.R. Quinlon  
 1874-1876 Wor. Bro. Rev. J. B. Brunesson  
 1877 Wor. Bro. Rev. W.J. Hunt  
 1878 Wor. Bro. Rev. F.W. Robberds  
 1879-1881 Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Doxey  
 1882-1884 Wor. Bro. Rev. F. J. Montgomery  
 1884 Wor. Bro. Rev. H. W. Griffith  
 1885 Wor. Bro. Rev. F.J. Montgomery  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. H.W. Griffith  
 1886 Wor. Bro. Rev. F.J. Montgomery  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. A.H. Hildesley  
 1887 Wor. Bro. Rev. A. H. Hildesley  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. M. C. Sanders  
 1888 Wor. Bro. Rev. M. C. Sanders  
 Wor. Bro. T. Barnes-Cooke  
 1889 Wor. Bro. Rev. H.J. Spence Gray  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. T.C. Shepherd  
 1890-1891 Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. W.M.M. Griffiths  
 1892 Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray  
 Wor. Bro. Rev. J.B. Brunesson  
 1893 Wor. Bro. Rev. F.J. Montgomery



1894-1897	Wor. Bro. Rev. T. C. Shepherd Wor. Bro. Rev. C. Swynnerton
1898	Wor. Bro. Rev. H.W. Bush Wor. Bro. I. J. West
1899-1901	Wor. Bro. Rev. H.W. Bush Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Ellison
1902	Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Ellison Wor. Bro. Rev. C. Price
1903	Wor. Bro. Rev. H.W. Bush
1904	Wor. Bro. Charles Stewart
1905	Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray (P.D.D.G.M.)
1906	Wor. Bro. Rev. K.G. Foster
1907	Wor. Bro. Rev. G. H. Seeley Wor. Bro. Maj. G.O. Roos-Keppel, C.I.E.
1908	Wor. Bro. Dr. C.C. Caleb Wor. Bro. Rev. K.G. Foster
1909	Wor. Bro. Brig. F.G. Bond, C.B. Wor. Bro. J.B. D'Silva
1910	Wor. Bro. Col. W.J.D. Dundee, C.I.E. Wor. Bro. F.V. Taylor
1911	Wor. Bro. Rev. K.G. Foster Wor. Bro. Capt. J.A. Longridge
1912	Wor. Bro. W.L. Edge Wor. Bro. Rev. K.G. Foster
1913	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. R. Heard Wor. Bro. Maj. A.E. Dallas
1914	Wor. Bro. Maj. R. G. Macpherson
1915	Wor. Bro. J. Faletti Wor. Bro. R. E. Holland, I.C.S.
1916	Wor. Bro. Rev. J. B. King Wor. Bro. Rev. G.D. Barne
1917	Wor. Bro. Rev. G. D. Barne Wor. Bro. Maj. H.W. Marten
1918	Wor. Bro. Rev. A.P.G. Maunsell
1919	Wor. Bro. Rev. A.P.G. Maunsell Wor. Bro. Rev. H.G. England
1920-1921	Wor. Bro. Rev. A.P.G. Maunsell Wor. Bro. Rev. A.R.S. Proby
1922	Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. G.I. Davys Wor. Bro. F. Cousins.



1923	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. A.G. Golloway
	Wor. Bro. Dr. H.T. Holland
1924	Wor. Bro. G. Reeves-Brown
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. H. Hastings
1925	Wor. Bro. Col. Thomas Nisbet, C.M.G., D.S.O.
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. John Kenneth Sport Fleming, O.B.E.
1926	Wor. Bro. Rev. Stanley McKelvie
	Wor. Bro. Col. Comdt. F.R. Soutter-Gervers, C.I.E.
	Wor. Bro. Stephen Irvine Davy (Past)
1927	Wor. Bro. Rev. L. M. Gorrie
	Wor. Bro. Brevet. Col. H.E. Weeks
	Wor. Bro. Col. J.D.M. Flood (Past)
1928	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. G.C.B. Loch
	Wor. Bro. Dr. A. W. Dyer
1929	Wor. Bro. Capt. A. M. Dore
	Wor. Bro. W. A. Nedou
	Wor. Bro. H.J. Reyne (Past)
1930	Wor. Bro. Col. J. St. Aubyn-King
	Wor. Bro. Col. H.T. Molloy
1931	Wor. Bro. Maj. H. Joyner
	Wor. Bro. Maj. W. A. Peach
1932	Wor. Bro. C. W. Bowles, O.B.E.
	Wor. Bro. Dr. B.R. Khanna
1933	Wor. Bro. Rev. J.H. Bradbury
	Wor. Bro. T. Lowery
1934	Wor. Bro. Rev. R. T. Kerr
	Wor. Bro. F. Von Goldstein
1935	Wor. Bro. Rev. W. H. Cooke
	Wor. Bro. N. H. Swinstead
1936	Wor. Bro. Rev. C. A. Bender
	Wor. Bro. Rev. A. J. Revnell, O.B.E.
1937	Wor. Bro. Rev. R. H. Noble
	Wor. Bro. Maj. F. R. Gifford, O.B.E.
	Wor. Bro. A. O. Quigley (Past)
1938	Wor. Bro. Rev. C. Brailsford
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. W.J.C. Stubbs
1939	Wor. Bro. Rev. E. A. Storrs-Fox
	Wor. Bro. K. G. Mitchell, C.I.E.
1940	Wor. Bro. Col. H.E.A. Morris, O.B.E.
	Wor. Bro. R.W.W. Turner



- 1941  
Wor. Bro. T.G. Fox  
Wor. Bro. R. Groves
- 1942  
Wor. Bro. Col. R.J.L. Wilkinson  
Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. A. P. Imlay
- 1943  
Wor. Bro. Maj. G.H. Perkins  
Wor. Bro. H. Roberts  
Wor. Bro. Maj. C. C. Whyte (Past)
- 1944  
Wor. Bro. Rev. W.J. Toop  
Wor. Bro. C.D. Newman
- 1945  
Wor. Bro. Rev. C.G.O'Hagan  
Wor. Bro. Maj. S.A. Meer (Past)  
Wor. Bro. N.F. Cooke (Past)
- 1946  
Wor. Bro. C. Meredith  
Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. F.E. LeMarchand
- 1947  
Wor. Bro. Maj. L. Mercer, M.B.E.  
Wor. Bro. Prof. Jai Dyal
- 1948  
Wor. Bro. Rev. P.A. Krishnaswamy  
Wor. Bro. Capt. W. C. West
- 1949  
Wor. Bro. H. Henderson  
Wor. Bro. C. W. Budd  
Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. H.C. Druett (Past)  
Wor. Bro. Sulakhan Singh (Past)  
Wor. Bro. Kishori Lal Vaurre (Past)
- 1950  
Wor. Bro. R. B., H. N. Khanna  
Wor. Bro. K.A. Marker  
Wor. Bro. F.B. Patel (Past)
- 1951  
Wor. Bro. Maj. G.W.D. Black  
Wor. Bro. H.L. Phillips  
Wor. Bro. Sir Henry Greenfield (Past)
- 1952  
Wor. Bro. B.C. Bhesania  
Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. F.J. Bayman
- 1953  
Wor. Bro. Maj. T.M.P. Moore  
Wor. Bro. T.H. Karimji (Past).  
Wor. Bro. G.M. Qureshi (Past)  
Wor. Bro. W. Newton Booth (Past)
- 1954  
Wor. Bro. J.S. Thompson  
Wor. Bro. C.W.M. Young (Past)
- 1955  
Wor. Bro. G.J.M. Dickinson  
Wor. Bro. G. Wright (Past)
- 1956  
Wor. Bro. L.R. Stannard
- 1957  
Wor. Bro. R.A. Bergl



1958	Wor. Bro. C.G. Johnston
	Wor. Bro. O. H. Cluett (Past)
1959	Wor. Bro. C.H. Shirtcliffe
1960	Wor. Bro. G.W. Bryan
	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. J.J. Cunningham (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Bashir Ahmad (Past)
	Wor. Bro. A.P. Isaacs (Past)
1961	Wor. Bro. Abdul Hameed
	Wor. Bro. L.S. Freeman (Past)
	Wor. Bro. C.E. Lee Anan (Past)
	Wor. Bro. E. Jivanandham (Past)
	Wor. Bro. R.G. Wright (Past)
1962	Wor. Bro. B.K. Lohar
	Wor. Bro. Mohd Ashraf Chaudhry (Past)
1963	Wor. Bro. Dr. M.S. Kripalani
	Wor. Bro. C.G. Bhan (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Maj. W.J.C. Dearlove (Past)
1964	Wor. Bro. H.J. Lloyd
	Wor. Bro. S.M. Shariff (Past)
1965	Wor. Bro. J.H. Willis
1966	Wor. Bro. J.R.W. Richmond
	Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan (Past)
	Wor. Bro. Abdur Rashid (Past)
1967	Wor. Bro. S.Y. Ismailji
	Wor. Bro. B. F. Khambatta (Past)
1968	Wor. Bro. J. A. Radford

#### DISTRICT GRAND TREASURERS

1869	Wor. Bro. G. R. Dalimore
1870	Wor. Bro. J.D. Watters
1871	Wor. Bro. J. Mahon
1872-1874	Wor. Bro. W. Mellor
1875	Wor. Bro. Maj. W.H. Mackesy
1876-1877	Wor. Bro. C.H. Chetham
1877-1879	Wor. Bro. D. P. Masson
1880-1886	Wor. Bro. J.J. Davies
1886-1903	Wor. Bro. Dr. Brij Lal Ghose
1904	Wor. Bro. E. C. Jussawalla (P.D.G.W.)
1905	Wor. Bro. J.A. Bridges
1906-1908	Wor. Bro. Qazi Ghulam Rabbani
1909	Wor. Bro. Dewan Lakshmi Narain
1910-1911	Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen, M.D.
1912	Wor. Bro. O.C. Dutt



1913-1915	Wor. Bro. R.S. Balmukand
1916-1920	Wor. Bro. Mathra Das
1921-1922	Wor. Bro. Raja Ram
1923	Wor. Bro. Chuni Lal Sondhi
1924-1925	Wor. Bro. Mathra Das
1926-1934	Wor. Bro. R.S. Chuni Lal
1935-1937	Wor. Bro. Dr. Bhagat Ram Khanna
1938-1941	Wor. Bro. D.A. Howell, O.B.E.
1942	Wor. Bro. S.B. Sital Singh
1943-1948	Wor. Bro. C. Wollen
1949-1958	Wor. Bro. L. Brentford
1959	Wor. Bro. C.E.T. Mathews
1960-1964	Wor. Bro. B.B. Ghosh
1965-1966	Wor. Bro. Abdur Rashid
1967	Wor. Bro. Mazhar Mufty
1968	Wor. Bro. Latif Mohd Khan

### DISTRICT GRAND REGISTRARS

1869- 1871	Wor. Bro. R.E.K. Wilkinson
1872	Wor. Bro. G. Ekin
1873	Wor. Bro. W.B. Farr
1874	Wor. Bro. T. Higham
1875	Wor. Bro. Maj. F.E. Hadow
1876	Wor. Bro. H.T. Tanner
1877	Wor. Bro. Maj. L.W. Taylor
1878	Wor. Bro. T.W. Rawlins
1879	Wor. Bro. Capt. J.W. Ottley
1880	Wor. Bro. Maj. J. Finnis
1881	Wor. Bro. J.R. Drummond
1882-1884	Wor. Bro. E. Woodall Parker
1885	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. D.C. Grose
1886	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. J.A. Scott
1887	Wor. Bro. Surgn.-Maj. J. Walker
1888	Wor. Bro. Maj. G.W.M. Turnbull
1889	Wor. Bro. Maj. C.F. Massy
1890	Wor. Bro. W.J. Gill
1891	Wor. Bro. R. Clarke
1892	Wor. Bro. R.A. English
1893	Wor. Bro. P. Morton
1894	Wor. Bro. E. C. Jussawalla
1895	Wor. Bro. G. E. Coates
1896	Wor. Bro. Maj. Arthur Grey



1897	Wor. Bro. C.H. Oertel
1898	Wor. Bro. Maj. Arthur Grey
1899	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. Frank Leigh
1900	Wor. Bro. C.H. Blackburn
1901	Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston
1902	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. Frank Leigh, V.D.
1903	Wor. Bro. Lieut. Col. Arthur Grey (P.D.G.W.)
1904-1906	Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker (P.D.G.M.)
1907	Wor. Bro. B. Bevan Petman
1908	Wor. Bro. F.V. Taylor
1909	Wor. Bro. W.A. Bailey
1910	Wor. Bro. Capt. W.F. Ellis
1911	Wor. Bro. Maj. R. Heard
1912	Wor. Bro. R.T. Clarke, I.C.S.
1913	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice A.B. Broadway
1914	Wor. Bro. Major H. Norman Young
1915	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Mr. C.A. Barron, C.I.E.
1916	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice L.H. Leslie Jones, I.C.S.
1917	Wor. Bro. G.J.M. Hamilton
1918	Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett
1919	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice L.H. Leslie Jones, I.C.S.
1920	Wor. Bro. Col. H.F. Cleveland, C.I.E.
1921	Wor. Bro. Maj. W.T. Gell
1922	Wor. Bro. A.I. Sleigh
1923-1929	Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett, F.R.H.S.
1930	Wor. Bro. S.V. Haldipur
1931-1932	Wor. Bro. R.S. Ram Kishore
1933	Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett, F.R.H.S.
1934-1935	Wor. Bro. N. Hackney
1936	Wor. Bro. C.C. Garbett, C.S.I., C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S.
1937	Wor. Bro. S.B. Sital Singh
1938-1939	Wor. Bro. H.J. Pearson
1940-1941	Wor. Bro. R.S. Bhagat Ram Anand
1942	Wor. Bro. S. Webb Johnson
1943	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice E.C. Marten
1944	Wor. Bro. Cuthbert V. King, I.C.S.
1945-1947	Wor. Bro. The Hon'ble Justice E.C. Marten
1948-1953	Wor. Bro. P.C. David, M.B.E.
1954-1965	Wor. Bro. G.M. Qureshi
1966-1968	Wor. Bro. Rustam S. Sidhwa



## PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

1884	Wor. Bro. Surg. Maj. G.C. Ross, M.D.
1885	Wor. Bro. Dr. Brij Lal Ghose, R.B.
1886	Wor. Bro. Capt. R.F. Castellari
	Wor. Bro. Col. O. Menzies
1887	Wor. Bro. H. P. Burt
1888	Wor. Bro. W. J. Gill
1889	Wor. Bro. P.C. Mukerji
1890	Wor. Bro. Capt. L.J.E. Bradshaw
1891	Wor. Bro. F. Koenig
1892	Wor. Bro. E. Farrance
1893	Wor. Bro. C. Brown
1894	Wor. Bro. G.E. Coates
1895	Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Spence Gray
1896	Wor. Bro. C.H. Oertel
1897	Wor. Bro. E.V.S. Cullin
1898	Wor. Bro. G. Ennis
1899	Wor. Bro. Capt. E.W. Boudier
1900	Wor. Bro. David Edwin Johnston
1901	Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker (P.D.G.M.)
1902	Wor. Bro. G. Ennis
1903	Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker (P.D.G.M.)
1904	Wor. Bro. Sir David P. Masson, C.I.E., (P.D.G.W.)
1905	Wor. Bro. Maj. Henry Thomas Pease
1906	Wor. Bro. Dr. C.C. Caleb
1907	Wor. Bro. Maj. W.A. Bailey
1908	Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen, M.D.
1909	Wor. Bro. Lieut. L. Walters
1910	Wor. Bro. Maj. R. Heard
1911	Wor. Bro. Maj. A.E. Dallas
1912	Wor. Bro. R.B. Milkhi Ram
1913	Wor. Bro. Maj. G.K. Walker
1914-1915	Wor. Bro. J.A. Swainson
1916-1917	Wor. Bro. H.L.O. Garrett, F.R H.S.
1918	Wor. Bro. E. Burke
1919	Wor. Bro. Col. H.F. Cleveland, C.I.E.
1920	Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. G.K. Walker, C.I.E., O.B.E.
1921	Wor. Bro. A.I. Sleigh
1922	Wor. Bro. W.G. Clarke, M.B.E.



1923	Wor. Bro. Raja Ram
1924	Wor. Bro. J.J. Evans
1925-1931	Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts
1932	Wor. Bro. R. Parnell
1933-1934	Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts
1935-1937	Wor. Bro. R.S. Chuni Lal
1938-1939	Wor. Bro. N. Hackney
1940-1941	Wor. Bro. S. B. Sital Singh
1942-1947	Wor. Bro. H. J. Pearson, M.B.E.
1948	Wor. Bro. A. Gilbert
1949-1955	Wor. Bro. C. Wollen
1956-1958	Wor. Bro. A. Gilbert (P.D.D.G.M.)
1959-1960	Wor. Bro. L.S. Freeman
1961	Wor. Bro. C.G. Bhan
1962-1963	Wor. Bro. Bashir Ahmad
1964-1966	Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan
1967	Wor. Bro. Abdur Rashid
1968	Wor. Bro. Mazhar Mufty

#### DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARIES

1869-1871	Wor. Bro. W.H. Wilson
1872-1880	Wor. Bro. George Davies
1880-1882	Wor. Bro. R.B. Nightingall
1883-1886	Wor. Bro. H.W. Warmington
1886-1888	Wor. Bro. J.J. Davies
1889-1901	Wor. Bro. W. Bull
1901-1921	Wor. Bro. David E. Johnston
1922-1925	Wor. Bro. Owen Roberts
1925-1926	Wor. Bro. James John Evans
1927	Wor. Bro. E.A. Smedley
1928-1947	Wor. Bro. G. Reeves Brown, M.B.E.
1948-1952	Wor. Bro. H.J. Pearson, O.B.E.
1953	Wor. Bro. L.G. Asquith
1954-1956	Wor. Bro. H. Jivanandham
1957-1960	Wor. Bro. E. Jivanandham
1961	Wor. Bro. L.S. Freeman
1962-1963	Wor. Bro. Masud Hassan
1964-1968	Wor. Bro. Capt. Kabir Ahmad Sheikh.



# THE DISTRICT CHARITIES



## THE PAKISTAN MASONIC INSTITUTIONS FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

The Punjab District was formally constituted in 1869, with six warranted Lodges on its Roll, namely, Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459, "Charity" No. 563, "Khyber" No. 582, "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, "Wahab or Benevolent" No. 988, "Phoenix" No. 1057 and "Ravee" No. 1215.

At the time of the inception of the District, Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, had a Fund for the care and education of the orphans and fatherless children of Masons. THE EDUCATIONAL FUND OF LODGE HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE, as it was then called, was first formally discussed in a meeting of that Lodge held on 2nd April, 1866, and formally launched that month with an initial donation of Rs. 300/- from Lodge Funds and a promised donation of Rs. 10/- per mensem.

After the birth of the Punjab District, efforts were made in 1869-70 to prevail upon the Brethren of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 to develop their "Educational Fund" into a District Fund, but it was noted that many of the old members of that Lodge being jealous of the Fund which they had started with such great care and attention did not approve of that idea. However, to get matters started, Wor. Bro. Basevi, D.S.G.W., at the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge held at Lahore on 11th April, 1870, addressed the Brethren on the need for starting a general charitable fund for the whole of the Punjab District and formally proposed "that measures be taken to start a 'Punjab Masonic Educational Fund' and that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes for its consideration and report." The said proposition was carried. Evidence available shows that in 1871 the District had collected some subscriptions to a Fund captioned "The District Grand Lodge Fund (Masonic Institutions)."

It was not until 7th January, 1871, that Wor. Bro. Basevi laid a scheme for the starting of an Educational Fund before the meeting of the District Board of General Purposes held that day. The Scheme, which was headed THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR EDUCATING CHILDREN OF INDIGENT FREEMASONS, provided for a Committee, to consist of a President, Vice-Presidents and Life Governors, to administer the Fund and laid down that the Fund would be devoted solely for providing board and education to children between the ages of 6 and 15 years in schools in India. The Scheme also laid down certain minimum contributions to entitle a person to be nominated a Vice-President or a Life Governor of that Fund, with the consequent privileges of entitlement to a number of votes depending upon the amount of his donation.



Apprehensions expressed in certain quarters that the Punjab Masonic Institution Fund was purely a District Fund and one controlled by the District, was set aside by Wor. Bro. Basevi, D.D.G.M., in his Address to the Brethren at the Meeting of the District Grand Lodge on 15th April, 1871. At this meeting, the D.D.G.M. informed the Brethren that the Punjab Masonic Institution Fund was not a District Fund but a Fund which would be managed by a Committee to be selected from amongst the subscribers according to certain Rules which would be laid before the subscribers as soon as formalities were completed. He discounted the view of certain Brethren who thought that this Fund was started to compete with Lodge "Hope and Perseverance's" Educational Fund.

However, the members of Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, Lahore, were not long in recognising the advantages of the Punjab Masonic Institution Fund and the benefit of increasing the scope of its usefulness by amalgamating their Fund with that of the District. Thus, Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 made over their "Educational Fund" to the District some time before the Regular Meeting of the District held on 12th January, 1872. At this meeting, Wor. Bro. Basevi, D.D.G.M., pointed out that Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" had made over to the Punjab Masonic Institution the Fund known as "Hope and Perseverance Educational Fund" and that there were no less than 14 Lodges and Masonic Bodies, in addition to some 30 or so Brethren, that had promised it support. By March, 1872, four Lodges ("Hope and Perseverance" No. 782, "Mooltan" No. 1307, "Wahab" No. 988 and "Himalayan Brotherhood" No. 459) and two Brethren, namely, Wor. Bros. G.H. Basevi and G.P. Paul, had qualified as Life Governors.

The first Statement of Account of the Punjab Masonic Institution was laid before the District Grand Lodge at its meeting held on 26th October, 1872. On this date, there were two Vice-Presidents and 20 Life Governors. Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" No. 782 and the Fund of Benevolence of the Punjab District were the two Vice-Presidents. Lodges "Himalayan Brotherhood," "Mooltan" and "Light of the North" were the Life Governors amongst the Lodges that qualified as such. The first child to be taken over by the Foundation was in 1873 and the following paragraph from the Address of Wor. Bro. Captain Marmaduke Ramsey, D.D.G.M., is of interest:

"As regards the Punjab Masonic Institution, we have this afternoon voted one child on the Foundation; it may now, therefore, be considered fairly launched. The accounts up to date show funded money Rs. 8,500-0-0, in Bank Rs. 451-15-8, and in Secretary's hands Rs. 132-0-0, making a grand total of Rs. 9,083-15-8."

Thus, from this small beginning laid in 1869-70, has grown up the large charitable fund now popularly known as The Pakistan Masonic Institutions for Widows and Children. The funds of this Institution have never looked back and with the careful and judicious management that they have all along received at the hands of sensible, far-sighted and worthy Brethren, they now stand as a monument to the charity and benevolence of past Brethren and an example to all present and future Freemasons.



A few important facts about P.M.I., culled from past years, may be stated here with advantage.

In 1878 the Governing Body of the P.M.I. requested Lodges to appoint a Charity Steward and laid down that they would be entitled to a personal vote at the meeting of the Institution for each sum of Rs. 100/- collected and remitted by them during the previous year. At the end of their term, such Charity Stewards received an illuminated letter of thanks from the Punjab Masonic Institution for their efforts.

In 1885 "illuminated letters of thanks" were replaced by Jewels, which were introduced that year. The Jewels first awarded were of silver and a Charity Steward was only entitled to the privilege of wearing a Charity Jewel if he had collected from Brethren of his Lodge and paid in no less than Rs. 500/- to the P.M.I. Fund or who had himself contributed a sum of Rs. 100/- to the Fund while serving such a stewardship. Amongst the Charity Stewards of that time, Bro. Rudyard Kipling may be mentioned as one who served this office in Lodge "Hope and Perseverance" in 1887. In 1890, gold, silver and bronze Charity Jewels were introduced for award to the Charity Stewards which are still in vogue.

In 1915 the scope of the Punjab Masonic Institution for Children was extended to take into its fold another Foundation for the maintenance and protection of widows of deceased Freemasons who found themselves left in poor and distressed circumstances. The broadening of the Punjab Masonic Institution to provide for the separate fund for widows was entirely due to the efforts of Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen. A committee of 5 members headed by Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen was appointed in November, 1912, to submit a report, which report was submitted in 1913 and accepted in principle. The regulations of the Punjab Masonic Institution for Children now called for a thorough revision, including amendments. With the help of Wor. Bro. E.W. Parker, P.D.G.M., this was achieved. The name of the institution was changed to **THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTIONS FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN**. The Constitution was overhauled and revised and the P.M.I., was given the character of a Society, as provided by the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860, so that it could be registered with the Registrar of Societies as such. The revised Memorandum of Association and Regulations of the Punjab Masonic Institutions for Widows and Children were passed by the Governing Body of the Institution on 20th May, 1915, and confirmed at their subsequent meeting on 12th November, 1915.

In 1931 a new award for the Lodges—in addition to the gold, silver, and bronze Jewels being distributed to Charity Stewards—was introduced. This consisted of awarding Gavel Blocks to those Lodges, fifty per cent of whose members individually contributed Rs. 12.00 or more in the relevant year. This award is still in vogue. Still further, in 1934, another special award was introduced for the Lodges, namely, the award of a Charity Box to Lodges showing very outstanding contributions. This special award appears to have been granted in 1934, 1935 and 1936, after which it seems to have died down.



The funds of the P.M.I. have steadily risen over the decades. In 1886 the invested Capital (in round figures) was Rs. 50,000/-, in 1896 almost Rs. 1,00,000/-, in 1906 roughly Rs. 1,50,000/-, in 1916 approximately Rs. 2,70,000/-, in 1930 about Rs. 5,20,000/- and in 1967 near about Rs. 11,60,000/-. These figures bear ample testimony to the faithful protection and judicious application of the funds by its Trustees. The P.M.I. has provided relief to the extent of Rs. 9,26,000/- to 520 children and to the extent of Rs. 4,34,000/- to 88 widows since its inception. It must not be forgotten that many children and widows have remained on the Fund as beneficiaries for many years, some, for ten to fifteen years each.

According to the present regulations of the Fund, the general control over the entire property, business and affairs of, and the final decision in regard to all matters relating to the association, vest in the members (that is to say, the President and persons who are either Vice-Presidents or Life Governors) in General Meeting assembled. Vice-Presidents and Life Governors are those Masonic Bodies or Brethren who have contributed not less than Rs. 500/- and Rs. 100/- respectively, to the funds of the Association. Subject to the direction and control of the members in General Meeting assembled, the executive control and management of the business and affairs of the Association is carried on by a Committee of Trustees comprising not less than 11 and not more than 14 members, of which between 3 to 6 have to be elected. The Institutions undertake to provide sound and plain education to its wards to prepare them for a life of work and respectability. The children are maintained in a manner suitable to the conditions of persons having very moderate means at their disposal. For a long time the Institutions, under special terms arranged through the intervention of the Church Authorities, sent its male wards to the Bishop Cotton School, Simla, and the girls to St. Deny's School, Murree. As regards widows, the Institutions provide a monthly grant sufficient to look after their meagre wants commensurate with the status of persons with moderate means. Since the last few years, annual gifts in the form of monetary grants are given to the widows during Christmas, Nauroze, or Eid depending upon the faith professed by the beneficiaries.

In June, 1967, the name of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was changed to the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan. Accordingly, at the Annual General Meeting of the subscribers of the Punjab Masonic Institutions held on 7th August, 1967, the name of "The Punjab Masonic Institutions for Widows and Children" was changed to "The Pakistan Masonic Institutions for Widows and Children."

### THE DOCTOR OWEN BURSARY FUND

This Fund was inaugurated in 1922 at the instance of Wor. Bro. Dr. C.A. Owen, P.D.G.W. and P.G. Std. Br. (Eng), with the object of providing higher education to promising wards of the Punjab Masonic Institutions, after they passed the age at which their connection with the P.M.I. ceased. The benefits under this Fund were intended to be entirely distinct from the relief afforded from the P.M.I.



Since its foundation, this Fund has been of the greatest utility to several of the wards of the P.M.I. and has provided a useful compliment to the P.M.I.

### **THE DISTRICT FUND OF BENEVOLENCE**

The District Fund of Benevolence is maintained from quarterly payments levied on Craft Lodges and from donations and voluntary subscriptions received from Lodges and Brethren. This Fund is administered by a Board, which consists of a President appointed by the D.G.M. each year and four members of whom two are nominated by the D.G.M. and two are elected by District Grand Lodge each year.

The Fund of Benevolence is primarily used for the relief of indigent Masons and relatives of deceased Masons. The primary object is to cater for such cases where relief cannot be given from the other two Funds, or where the relief afforded by the other Charities is insufficient to meet the circumstances of a given case. Calls on this Fund have all along been heavy and even though quarterly levies have been increased from time to time, the demand on this Fund is so high that it is generally not possible to meet the various genuine calls that are made upon it.

For many years it has become customary for a special collection to be made for this Fund at the Installation Meetings of Lodges. Masters of all Lodges are asked to see that the collections made at these Meetings are worthy of the Lodge.

### **THE HENRY JOSEPH PEARSON MEMORIAL FUND**

The Henry Joseph Pearson Memorial Fund was started in 1961 to honour the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry Joseph Pearson, O.B.E., whose work for the Masonic District of the Punjab had won the admiration of all.

The Fund vests entirely in the District Board of General Purposes and is distributed in consultation with the members of the Henry Joseph Pearson Memorial Fund Committee. The object of the Fund is to help Brethren outside the scope of the existing Charities or in addition to the assistance such existing Charities can give. Its most important object is to assist charitable organizations of a Non-Masonic nature like the School for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, etc. Thus, where it is found that the Pakistan Masonic Institutions for Widows and Children, the Owen Bursary Fund or the Fund of Benevolence cannot help Brethren in need at all or beyond a certain sum of money, or where a worthy-Non-Masonic request for help has to be refused because there are no funds available specifically intended for such purpose, the Henry Joseph Pearson Memorial Fund fulfils the need and fills the gap.



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